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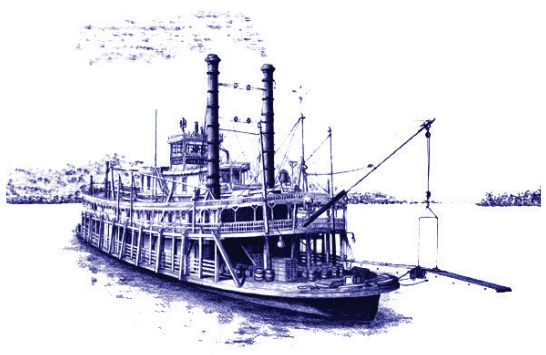

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4-H Fair closes for 2021

Record $266,150 bid at livestock auction

BY BOB DEMAREE

There were challenges going into this year's Jefferson County 4-H Fair — with lingering uncertainty over the COVID-19 that canceled the event in 2020 — and then heavy rain throughout fair week added even more challenges for fair participants.

But nothing could stop the event from being a success. And, in the end, it was a great week.

"I am impressed with all the hard work that all the 4-H'ers put into it," said Britt Copeland, Jefferson County Purdue Extension Educator.

And with the arrival of Friday came a result that was the highest ever total for the livestock auction. In all, $266,150 was raised, eclipsing the 2019 total of $241,950.

The record sale was achieved with the fewest total animals sold in at least the last 15 years. There were 142 total animals in this year's auction, which accounted for a record-setting average price per animal of $1,874.30.

"The community really stepped up," said Scott Hubbard, president of the Jefferson County Fair Board. "The cost per animal and overall total was by far the best-ever."

Copeland said last year's fair being cancelled due to COVID-19, and the uncertainty of a fair in 2021, impacted the number of animals that were at the fair and available for the livestock auction.

"4-H is a year-long process," Copeland said, noting that raising the animals "starts way before the fair," and in January and February, there was enough uncertainty about whether there could be a fair that some 4-H youth opted to prepare fewer animals. Copeland praised the work of the fair board in pulling it all together to not only make it possible for this year's fair to happen, but to also make it a success.

Hubbard said the record totals for this year's livestock auction "will bring the numbers back next year" and rebuild the livestock participation by youth in 4-H.

In addition to the livestock total, an additional $14,376 was raised from a goat cheese basket that was purchased by multiple buyers. Those proceeds will go into the 4-H Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Madison and Jefferson County.

Another $2,400 was raised through the sale of a bench in memory of Tyler Cooley, a 10-year 4-H member who died in an automobile accident in 2020. The bench was purchased by Gary Goode Trucking, of Nabb, a proceeds will be used

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Photos by Bob Demaree

The Grand Champion Steer at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was sold by Jonny Anderson to Southeastern Indiana REMC, Friendship State Bank and Majesty Express for $7,100. Pictured (from left) are Dawn Kimberlin-Combs and Amelia Sloan of Majesty Express, Mark Goley and Joe Davies of Friendship State Bank, Darrell Smith and Melissa Menchhofer of Southeastern Indiana REMC, Sherri Furnish of Friendship, Jonny Anderson, and Jefferson County 4-H Fair Queen Bailie Prescher.

The Grand Champion Lamb at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was sold by Lillian Cox to Farmers Bank of Milton for $5,000. Pictured (from left) are (from left): Front — Lillian Cox and Evan Boldery. Back — Jefferson County 4-H Fair Queen Bailie Prescher, and David Hertz and Ralph Pratt, Farmers Bank of Milton.

Courtney named to AIM's legislative committee

BY SPECIAL TO THE COURIER

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney has been selected to serve on a legislative committee for Accelerate Indiana Municipalities (AIM).

Bob Courtney

Accelerate Indiana Municipalities is an organization that fosters, promotes and advocates for the success of Hoosier municipalities as laboratories of innovation, hubs of talent and the engines that drive the state's economy.

The committee was founded in the 1890s and was known as the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns until a few years ago. In 2017, the organization reimagined its role and purpose and evolved into AIM.

A priority of AIM is to focus on quality of place and to think boldly about what cities and towns can become. AIM collaborates with legislators, advocating for cities and towns on long-term issues and initiatives.

The organization also hosts a major conference and more than 100 training sessions and workshops annually.

"The priorities of AIM are right in line with our priorities at the City of Madison," said Courtney. "We have a bold vision for the city and have already begun taking steps to

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Soup Stew Chili & Brew Festival set for Oct. 9

BY THE COURIER STAFF

The Madison Area Chamber of Commerce has set Saturday, Oct. 9, as the date for the 19th annual Soup Stew Chili & Brew Festival on Main Street.

This year's cook-off competition will include live music, beer and wine gardens, shopping, and activities for both children and adults and serve as a fundraiser for numerous area nonprofits who operate booths featuring their best recipes.

"We look forward to hosting businesses and local non-profits back to Madison's Main Street for the 19th Annual Soup Stew Chili & Brew Festival," said a new release by the Chamber. "Soup Stew Chili & Brew will abide by all CDC safety regulations, and changes are being made to ensure the health and safety of all participants and visitors."

More information will continue to be provided leading up to the event.

The food portion of the event will run from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with a headlining music performance from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

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Madison to pursue major water improvement project

BPWS amends engineering contract pending receipt of grant

BY BOB DEMAREE

A major drinking water infrastructure improvement project was moved forward by the City of Madison Monday when the Board of Public Works and Safety agreed to support amending the city's existing contract with Commonwealth Engineers Inc. to include design engineering at a cost of $1,545,000 to be done by the end of the year.

The motion was made with the stipulation that the city receive money from a State Water Infrastructure Fund (SWIF) through the Indiana Finance Authority.

"It has been approximately two decades since our infrastructure has been upgraded," said Madison Mayor Bob Courtney. "Not only are our storage tanks deteriorating and needing maintenance but our water treatment plant and more than 22,000 linear feet of water distribution lines need replaced."

Brian Jackson, utility manager, noted that during the past year the city has been

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position Madison for success well into the future. I appreciate AIM's partnership with the city and their trust in our perspective as a member of the legislative committee."

AIM's membership includes mayors and municipal leaders from throughout the state. The board works to help shape the dynamic municipalities of the future and help ensure government works for all Hoosiers.

"I am eager to join the legislative team on behalf of the City of Madison and am looking forward to being involved in policy at a higher level," Courtney said.

Currently, there are more than 460 member cities and towns in AIM. For more information about AIM, please visit aimindiana.org.

PROJECT

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working on a water rate study to determine what water rate increase will be needed to address the upcoming water infrastructure improvements and rehabilitation.

Jackson estimates the project will cost $15 million, which he said the city is hopeful to offset by additional funding resources including a SWIF grant application that is being sought in the amount of $5 million.

"Once the SWIF people vet all of the applications, we hope to receive all or a portion of this amount," said Jackson, but that won't be known until it is announced, which Rob Bellucci, project manager for Commonwealth Engineers, anticipates will be sometime in August.

The city will also reach out to Jefferson County asking for $2.5 million in American Rescue Act funds from Jefferson County in hopes of keeping water rates as low as possible for residents of both the city and county.

"The City of Madison not only provides water in and around Madison, but we provide the water to Dupont Water, Canaan Water and Rykers' Ridge Water companies," said Jackson. "In essence, we provide water to approximately two-thirds of the Jefferson County residents."

Jackson said that once the grant amounts are finalized, the water rates will be determined from a revised rate study that will be done.

In other business, the BPWS:

• Endorsed a resolution that will be presented at Tuesday's Madison City Council meeting related to the flooding on June 18 that negatively impacted certain areas of the city, particularly North Walnut Street. The resolution states that in the affected area trash and debris removal and water service will continue to be provided for some residents. There would be no discontinuation of water services for the next six months for those who reside in the affected area and have completed a disaster intake form with the city. In addition, all who reside or operate a business in the affected area may have their water, sewer and trash fees waived from July to the end of this year. The resolution would also remove fees for all building permits.

The city will also reach out to Jefferson County asking for $2.5 million in American Rescue Act funds from Jefferson County in hopes of keeping water rates as low as possible for residents of both the city and county.

The resolution also emphasizes that the city is exploring all resources to assist with future mitigation of a disaster as what occurred June 18.

In his comments at the end of the meeting, Courtney said work toward future mitigation is complicated and multijurisdictional. "It will be expensive and will take a lot of time, but we'll be better in the future for the action we're taking today that had not been previously explored."

• Approved an American Institute of Architects (AIA) contract to submit for review by the City Council for the Crystal Beach pool project that was awarded to Poole Group. Ed Curtin, of CWC Latitudes, representating the Stellar program, said it's a process of being sure "all the T's are crossed and the I's are dotted," and all the documentation is set.

Courtney said Crystal Beach is scheduled to close July 31 so that work can begin. "We wanted to get it started for a grand reopening in 2022 of the new Crystal Beach," he said.

• Agreed to remove a yellow"no parking zone" on Third Street at the Eggleston Community Building that had been placed there during thebuilding's previous life as an elementary school. Madison Police Chief John Wallace said the no-parking zone had been put to provide space for school buses, and now with more residents living along that part of Third Street, it would be helpful for them to be able to use that area for parking.

• Approved street closings for the city's Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 4. Main Street will be closed from Jefferson to Mill streets, and Mill Street between Main and Second streets from 10 a.m to 1 p.m., and Jefferson Street between Main and Second streets, and Second street between Walnut and Jefferson streets will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Also, the parking lot at the corner of Jefferson and Second streets will be closed from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Approved 12 PACE applications totaling $76,314. Matt Findley at 615 Mulberry Street was approved for $25,000. Applications at $7,5000 were approved for SEI Real Estate, 711-713 Main Street; Richard and Cathy Taylor at 1010 West Main Street; Dave Patterson at 107 East Fifth Street; Mike and Melissa Prickett at 919 West First Street; MPP Rentals at 927 West First Street; Howard and Lisa Cutshall at 907-909 West Second Street; Jim Pruett at 310 Jefferson Street; and Arnold and Karen Conaway at 109 East Main Street. Other applications approved were Kim Taylor for Jefferson County Transitional Services at 515 East Second Street for $2,771; Gerri Liter at 407 East Third Street, $2,593; and Gary Guarino at 1026 West Main Street for $950.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 6:29 a.m.
Sunset: 9:05 p.m.
Temperature: High 86, Low 62, Mean 74, Deficit 0.4
Precipitation since last published: .0
Precipitation, July: 3.35
Precipitation, Year: 20.91
Barometer: 30.19, Steady
River Level at IKE: 424.6, Falling
Three-Day Forecast: Wednesday: Mostly sunny High 87/Low 66; Thursday: Partly cloudy High 88/Low 68; Friday: Isolated thunderstorms High 87/Low 68.

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• Mark Fitzpatrick
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• Stephanie Hellmann

JULY 24, 2021
• Mark Cull
• Elizabeth Hoffman
• Aydan Sarver — 9
• Brandon Sarver — 36

JULY 25, 2021
• Derek Anderson

JULY 28, 2021
• Bill Conaway — 64

News Briefs

From staff reports

ISP investigating death of Jackson County Jail inmate

Detectives from the Indiana State Police (ISP) Versailles Post are investigating the death of a Kentucky woman who was an inmate at the Jackson County Jail on Friday.

Taneasha L. Chappell, 23, of Louisville, had been incarcerated in Jackson County since May 26, after she was arrested for leading police on a I-65 30-minute pursuit through three counties from the Premium Outlet Mall near Edinburgh, Indiana to Clarksville.

Chappell died Friday shortly after being transported from the jail to Schneck Memorial Hospital in Seymour by ambulance. On Saturday, July 17, the Jackson County Sheriffs Department contacted investigators from the ISP Versailles post and requested that they conduct a death investigation. As part of that investigation, an autopsy was performed Sunday, July 18, and detectives are awaiting the autopsy report and toxicology results.

This case is still under investigation.

In May, Chappell had fled police at speeds in excess of 100 mph with her vehicle colliding with the rear of a commercial motor vehicle before the car eventually left the roadway at Exit 7 on I-65 near Clarksville where it came to a stop after being badly damaged. She exited the vehicle and attempted to flee on foot but was soon taken into custody after being tased.

At the time of her arrest, Chappell was transported to Schneck Medical Center in Seymour for medical clearance and to submit to a chemical test for intoxication. She was facing numerous felony and misdemeanor charges related to resisting law enforcement and related to a theft at the outlet mall in Bartholomew County.

Ex-firefighter arrested for theft at department

Detectives from the ISP Versailles Post on Friday arrested a Seymour man on theft and forgery charges following a nearly 10-month investigation into the theft of funds from a volunteer fire department.

Chris McKain

The investigation by Detective Jason Duncan began in September of 2020 when officials with the Jackson-Washington Township Fire Department contacted ISP and requested an investigation after suspecting one of the department's members in the alleged theft of thousands of dollars from the department.

The investigation determined that during 2019 and 2020, Christopher L. McKain, 44, Seymour, Indiana, was tasked with doing various jobs for the fire department. McKain allegedly told the department that jobs were completed, or items were purchased from numerous businesses in the area. He then forged invoices from the businesses, showing that work had been completed and items had been purchased by McKain. McKain then submitted the fraudulent invoices to the Jackson-Washington Township Treasurer where he was reimbursed.

It was determined that McKain stole approximately $20,000 from the department through getting reimbursed from forged invoices during the two-year span.

After the investigation was completed, the case was turned over to the Jackson County Prosecutor for review and McKain was arrested on a Jackson County Circuit Court warrant for Theft and Forgery, both Level 6 felonies. He was incarcerated at the Jackson County Jail pending his initial appearance in the Jackson County Circuit Court.

New Albany Police officer charged with voyeurism

Detectives from the ISP Sellersburg Post arrested a New Albany Police Officer Friday afternoon on two counts of voyeurism.

Adam Schneider

ISP Detective Sergeant Dave Mitchell began investigating allegations of criminal conduct involving Officer Adam Schneider, 40, of the New Albany Police Department, on Monday, June 28.

During the investigation, Mitchell obtained a search warrant for Schneider's personal phone and an examination of the phone revealed two videos and several still images depicting two separate adult females changing clothes in what appeared to be a private changing room. In one video, the female was completely undressed. The videos gave the appearance the females did not know they were being filmed.

As a result of the investigation, Mitchell learned that a camera had been mounted in a changing room as part of a business located at Schneider's residence in Memphis, Indiana. He also found that the two females were unaware they were being filmed.

Schneider was arrested without incident on Friday afternoon and taken to the Clark County Jail. He is charged with two counts of voyeurism, a Level 6 felony.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

ARRESTS & LODGINGS

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Amber R. Williams, 30, for Domestic Battery, a Level 5 felony. No bond.

July 17, 2021

Morgan Edwards-Tevis, 27, to hold for Clark County on a warrant for Failure to Appear. No bond.

Krishonda L. Hatton, 39, for Manufacturing/Dealing Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; Possession of Methamphetamine. Neglect of a Dependent/Child Violations and Maintain a Common Nuisance, all Level 6 felonies; and Possession of Marijuana and Possession of a Schedule I, II, III, IV or V Drug, both misdemeanors. No bond.

Shane Ryan Richter, 30, for Battery-Serious Bodily Injury, a Level 5 felony; and Criminal Confinement, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

Sentencings

Eugene Wayne Crittenden Sr., for Driving While Suspended, a misdemeanor. Sentenced to 18 days in the county jail with credit for nine days served. Released without conditions.

Quentin Richard Leahigh, for Conversion, a misdemeanor. Sentenced to 32 days in the county jail with credit for 16 days served. Released without conditions.

Ashley Nicole Johnson, for Public Intoxication, a misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days in the county jail with credit for 90 days served. Released without conditions.

Ashley Nicole Johnson, for Invasion of Privacy and Theft, both misdemeanors. Sentenced to 365 days in the county jail on each charge to run consecutive with credit for 38 days jail served and balance suspended for probation with community corrections.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Larry W. Jones (deceased) and Cynthia S. Vanderbur, 1501 Crozier Avenue, Madison.

Mary Louise Eisenhardt to William and Susan Ohlendorf, 413 West Second Street, Madison.

June H. Nighbert (trustee), June H. Nighbert (revocable trust), Bill Nighbert (trustee), Bill L. Nighbert (revocable trust) to Elizabeth Hargrove and Tyler Pietrykowski, 1940 Valley Vista Court, Madison.

Cottage Green LLC to Andrew Scott and Susan M. Scott, 109 East Fifth Street, Madison.

Rodney and Barbara Bell to David and Andrea Ballard, 8225 East Doe Run, Madison.

Jacob M. and Lacey D. Johnson to Laura Beach, 169 North Sycamore Drive, Hanover.

Kenneth E. Wise to Berry J. Wise (deceased) top Ashabranner, 6218 West 900 South, Hanover.

George L. Cole to David J. and Susan A. Craig, 308 East Third Street, Madison.

Eric Scott Malcomb to Donald T. and Hannah B. Malcomb, 1761 Magnolia Avenue, Madison.

David J. and Susan A. Craig to Mark and Bobbie Jo Timmons, 810 East Second Street, Madison.

Coutar Remainder VI LLC and Kooshtard Property VI LLC to Macs Convenience Stores LLC, 116 Clifty Drive, Madison.

James G. Parks and Louise McIntyre to Hendren Properties LLC, 124 South Main Cross Street, Madison.

Shyann L. Koontz, Christopher L. Cosby, Steven L. Cosby Jr. (estate of) to Jerry L. Barnhart II and Sara Lucas, 3996 West 500 North, Madison.

Martin Goldsmith and Kathy Haley (attorney fact) to Debra Albus, 7803 East Old Highway 56, Madison.

Gregory Alan Russell to Wayne and Monica Christine Russell, 254 Garritt Street, Hanover.

Doris Henderson (personal rep) and Mary Louise Zollman (estate of) to Doris Henderson, 2701 Lanier Drive, Madison and 11000+ West Slate Road, Lexington.

Doris Henderson to Darrell and Doris Henderson, 2701 Lanier Drive, Madison and 11000+ West Slate Road, Lexington.

T A S Investments LLC, Lisa G. Hammock, Anthony L. Hammock to Keith Cullens and Alec Taylor, 295 West Mockingbird Court, Madison.

George I. Todd, Gisela Todd, George I. Todd (living trust) and Gisela Todd (living trust) to Yolanda Simmons and Andrew Simmons, 2488 North K Road, Madison.

Jerry W. and Brenda Faye Miller to Jeremy Wayne and Jennie Marie Miller, 5713 West 750 South, Hanover.

Carolyn Jessup and David Jessup (deceased) to John Mahoney, 242 Shady Nook, Hanover.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 6-13-30-35-40-46 (7/17). Estimated Jackpot: $14.4 million. Next Drawing (7/21).
Daily 3: 7-6-3 SB: 9
Daily 4: 1-5-8-4 SB: 95
Cash Five: 1-12-32-35-45 (7/18).
Cash 4 Life: 1-31-40-49-55
CB: 3 (7/18)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 8-2-1
Pick 4: 9-9-8-2
Cash Ball: 1-13-30-35
CB:17 (7/18)
Lucky For Life: 5-10-14-15-19
LB: 8 (7/15)
MEGAMILLIONS: 24-25-47-52-57
MB: 24, **MP:** x4 (7/16). Next Estimated Jackpot: $128 million, Next Drawing (7/20)
POWERBALL: 15-22-38-54-66
PB: 3 **PP:** x2 (7/17). Next Estimated Jackpot: $161 million. Next Drawing (7/21).

OBITUARIES

Mary Selig

Mary Frances Lear Selig, 88, of Lexington, Indiana, died Saturday, July 17, 2021.

She was born on Sept. 28, 1932, near Shelbina, Missouri, to Edmond J. and Cora Eunice White Lear. She married John Milburn Selig on March 28, 1958, in Robinson, Illinois. She was a member of the American Medical Technologists, serving as secretary and treasurer for several years in Alabama where she had received the Technologists of the Year award as well as Distinguished Achievement awards and an Exceptional Merit award nationally. She was also a member of the Art Guild while in Alabama. After coming to Indiana, she worked as a paramed examiner, was a member of the King's Daughters' Step by Step Circle, a member of National Association of Federal Retired Employees where she served as secretary and treasurer and a member of the Samuel Woodfill American Legion Post 9 of Madison, Indiana. She was a member of The Prince of Peace Church in Madison and The Daughters of Isabella. She was also a member of the Ladies Organization of the Prince of Peace. She enjoyed sewing, painting, quilting, crocheting, camping and cooking.

Survivors include a son, John Mark Selig of Lexington, Indiana; a daughter, Caroline Selig Jones of Friendswood, Texas; two grandsons, Jeffrey Jones of Maplewood, Missouri and Andrew Jones of League City, Texas; and one great granddaughter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband John Selig, on Sept. 25, 2015; and a sister, Lorene Pflum.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday July 23, at Prince of Peace Catholic Church, in downtown Madison with interment to follow in St. Patrick's Cemetery in Madison. Visitation is 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Lytle Welty Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, Vail Chapel. The Rosary will be recited at the funeral home at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday.

Memorial contributions be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association through the funeral home or online at www.lytlewelty.com.

Trudy Napier

Trudy Lynn Napier, 59, of Lexington, Indiana, died unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at her home.

She was born on Sept. 4, 1961, in Madison, Indiana, to Benjamin Franklin Hubbard and Virginia "Deane" Ray Hubbard. She married Junior Napier on Feb. 3, 1987, in Lexington and worked at Englishton Park as a cook and a caretaker. She was also employed at LeRoy's in Lexington until 1995. She was a member of Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church and enjoyed staying at home and taking care of her family, cooking, and reading true crime and mystery books. She enjoyed planning family gatherings, get-togethers, and holiday parties and spending her spare time sitting on the front porch watching birds and wildlife.

Survivors include her husband of 34 years of Lexington; two children, Jody Cain of Madison and Bo Napier of Nabb, Indiana; five siblings, Linda Kaye Smith of Henryville, Indiana, Jo Ann Morrison and Sue Carol "Cookie" Anderson, both of Lexington, Eva Jean Meagher of Sellersburg, Indiana, and Marc Anthony Hubbard of Madison; and four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and three siblings, Virginia Faye Hubbard, Mary Ruth Capps and Benjamin Wayne Hubbard.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. on Sunday, July 18, at the Adams Family Funeral Home & Crematory in Scottsburg, with burial to follow at Scottsburg Cemetery there. Visitation will be 11 a.m. until time of service Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be given to the family to help with funeral expenses c/o Adams Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, 138 Westavia Blvd., Scottsburg, IN 47170.

Online condolences and a memorials, www.Adams FuneralHomeonline.com.

Briar Scudder

Briar Niko Scudder, the newborn son of Cory Scudder and Tabetha Lynn Jedding of East Enterprise, Indiana, died Friday, July 16, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Healthcare Edgewood in Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Shirley Brown

Shirley Anthony Brown, 90, of Bedford, Kentucky, died Friday, July 16, 2021, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville.

He was born on May 30, 1931, in Trimble County, Kentucky, to Charles and Elva Crafton Brown and was raised in the Mount Pleasant Community. He married Doris Alexander on July 11, 1952, in Madison, Indiana, and they had a son and a daughter. He was a farmer and enjoyed milking dairy cows, raising tobacco, corn and hay. He loved being with his family, gardening, sitting on the front porch with his wife, fishing and taking his grandchildren for rides on his 4-wheeler and teaching them about farming.

Survivors include his wife of 69 years Doris Alexander Brown; a daughter Debbie Wheeler of Bedford; a son Kevin Brown of Hanover, Indiana; three sisters, Verbena Severn of Ohio, Roberta Eldridge of Vine Grove, Kentucky and Pam Webster of Bedford; a brother: David Brown of Lexington, Indiana; and five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Jimmy, Layne and Delbert Brown; and a sister, Charlene Stockdale.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, July 21, at the Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday, July 20 and 10 a.m. until time of service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital through the funeral home.

Online condolences, ransdellfuneral.com.

Candy Gaines

Candace Lynn "Candy" Gaines) Raisor, 75, of Dayton, Ohio, died Monday, July 12, 2021, at Hospice of Dayton in Dayton.

She was born on June 10, 1946, in Cincinnati, to Perry Jackson "Pete" Gaines and Claire Ucthman Gaines. She was a 1964 graduate of Carrollton High School in Carrollton, Kentucky and a retired beauty product sales representative.

Survivors include her husband, Powell Raisor of Dayton; a daughter, Traci L. Miller of Dayton; a sister, Pam Knox of Littleton, Colorado; a brother, Paul B. Gaines of Carrollton; and a grandson and two nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Kim P. Gaines.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 24, at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Carrollton.

Arrangements entrusted to Tandy-Eckler-Riley Funeral Home in Carrollton. Memorial gifts may be made to Hospice of Dayton, 324 Wilmington Avenue, Dayton, Ohio 45420 or through the funeral home. Online Condolences, www.tandyecklerrileyfuneralhome.com.

Adam Springer

Adam Christopher Springer, 34, of Seymour, Indiana and formerly of Vevay, Indiana, died Sunday, July 18, 2021, at his residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

In Loving Memory Of

Trudy Lynn Napier

Trudy Lynn Napier, 59, of Lexington, IN, passed away unexpectedly at 8:32 AM on Wednesday, July 14, 2021, at her home and peacefully entered the gates of heaven.

Trudy was born on Sunday, September 24, 1961, in Madison, IN. She is the daughter of Benjamin Franklin Hubbard and Virginia "Deane" (Ray) Hubbard who are both deceased.

On February 3, 1987, in Lexington, IN, Trudy married Junior Napier who survives in Lexington, IN.
Trudy worked at Englishton Park as a cook and a caretaker. She was also employed at LeRoy's in Lexington, IN until 1995. Trudy was a member of Kimberlin Creek Baptist Church. Trudy enjoyed staying at home taking care of her family, cooking, and reading true crime and mystery books. She always looked forward to planning family gatherings, get-togethers, and holiday parties. She was a positive person, looked for the good in people, was caring and selfless, and always thought of others first. Trudy loved to shop and buy gifts for others. That is what made her the happiest. She enjoyed her time sitting on the front porch with Junior watching the birds and wildlife. The last seven years of her life have been a blessing and were very special because of all the love her 4 grandchildren brought to her life. Her grandchildren were the light of her life. Trudy loved being the best Meme she could be to all 4 of her grandchildren.

Survivors include her loving husband of 34 years, Junior Napier of Lexington, IN, 2 children, Jody (BJ) Cain of Madison, IN and Bo (Alexis) Napier of Nabb, IN, 4 grandchildren, Breanna Napier, Levi Cain, Wyatt Napier, and London Lynn Cain, siblings, Linda Kaye Smith (Mike Smith) of Henryville, IN, Jo Ann (Ernest Ray) Morrison of Lexington, IN, Eva Jean (James Martin) Meagher of Sellersburg, IN, Sue Carol "Cookie" (Clifford Dale) Anderson of Lexington, IN, and Marc Anthony (Karlene) Hubbard of Madison, IN, and several nieces and nephews.
She was also preceded in death by 3 siblings, Virginia Faye Hubbard, Mary Ruth Capps, and Benjamin Wayne Hubbard,
Funeral services will be conducted at 3:00 PM on Sunday, July 18, 2021, at Adams Family Funeral Home & Crematory in Scottsburg, with burial to follow at Scottsburg Cemetery.

Visitation will be on Sunday, July 18, 2021, from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM at Adams Family Funeral Home & Crematory in Scottsburg.
Memorial gifts may be given to the family to help with funeral expenses c/o Adams Family Funeral Homes & Crematory, 138 Westavia Blvd., Scottsburg, IN 47170.
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New Mercer County school superintendent survived 1988 bus crash

BY VALARIE HONEYCUTT SPEARS
LEXINGTON HERALD-LEADER

HARRODSBURG, Ky. — Jason Booher worked his first day as a Kentucky school superintendent July 1, his career as an educator, he said, motivated by his teachers after he survived the fiery 1988 church bus crash at the age of 13 on I-71 near Carrollton.

A drunk pickup truck driver from Owen County heading the wrong way on I-71 hit the bus, filled with Hardin County youth church group members returning from Kings Island amusement park outside Cincinnati. Twenty-seven people died in what was described at the time as the deadliest drunken driving incident in both Kentucky and the United States.

"He has used that moment to basically change the course of his life," said Randy Phillips, chairman of the Mercer County Schools board that hired Booher after the district superintendent announced his retirement. "He has used that to reach out to other kids throughout the state over the last several years."

Phillips said Booher, now 47, was hired based on his accomplishments in education, most recently as principal at Pikeville High School. The school was rated one of the top in the state under his direction.

"Jason is a man of integrity. That's a big factor for us. He loves education. He has dedicated his life to it," Phillips said.

Booher was raised in Radcliff. When he was just weeks away from his 14th birthday, his best friend Chad Witt invited him on the church trip to Kings Island. It was a three hour drive from Radcliff that on May 14, 1988 took the children and adults to Interstate 71, where the crash happened.

"It was a beautiful day — sunny. There were 67 of us, four chaperones, 63 kids, including my best friend," Booher said. "We had a great day at King's Island, not knowing it was going to turn into the most tragic thing you could ever go through."

When Larry Mahoney's pickup truck hit the bus at Carrollton, Booher was sitting in the fifth row from the back of the bus –sitting approximately in the middle of the bus against the window. He straddled the seats along the windows until he got out of the back of the bus.

"I saw an opening near the top of the emergency door. I dove out the top of that and landed on the asphalt on I-71," he said.

"My best friend who was sitting with me didn't make it out, only 40 of us survived it," Booher said.

Booher was not injured but many other survivors were injured or burned and spent years recovering.

"I was really lucky that I didn't get burned," he said, noting in 90 seconds the temperature in the bus soared to over 1,500 degrees.

Booher said he was already at a "fragile" age. To go through "such a tragic thing to bury your best friend and 26 others, really, really just rocked my world," he said.

Educators at Radcliff Middle School and coaches and teachers at North Hardin High School where he started that next fall, "motivated me, they pushed me , they drove me, they challenged me, and they made sure I wasn't one of those statistics that fell through the cracks," said Booher. That gave him resolve.

"I wasn't going to let Larry Mahoney and his decision to drink and drive take away my goals and my dreams of one day being successful as far as being the first person in my family to graduate from college," he said. The Louisville Courier-Journal has reported that Mahoney served 10 years of a 16-year prison sentence after being convicted of 27 counts of manslaughter.

When Booher enrolled at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, he decided that if educators, teachers and coaches had such a big impact on him in the four years after the bus crash, he wanted to do the same for young people. He wanted to become a career educator and a coach.

Booher coached various boy's basketball teams in Kentucky and his team at Shelby Valley High School at Pikeville won the KHSAA Sweet Sixteen Kentucky Boys High School basketball championship in 2010. He has three times been named the Associated Press Kentucky high school basketball coach of the year.

Booher has been certified as a superintendent for 15 years, but said he had to get coaching out of his blood first.

In eastern and northern Kentucky, he had various roles as a math teacher, an assistant principal, an athletic director and coach before becoming the principal at Pikeville High School. He has been married to Hilary Booher for 25 years and has two children, Harrison, a sophomore at Georgetown College and Jewel, who will be entering Eastern Kentucky University at Richmond in the fall.

The bus wreck brought change to Kentucky. There were stiffer drunken driving laws, improved bus safety and survivors who continue to talk about the dangers of drinking and driving, Booher said.

Booher draws on the tragedy in speeches, telling students that he has as much fun in life as anybody, but has not drank alcohol or experimented with drugs. He talks to kids about overcoming adversity and to school staffs about helping at-risk kids.

In Mercer County, Booher will be working with retiring superintendent Dennis Davis for the next month in a transition phase until Booher solely assumes the post on Aug. 1. He will oversee a district of 6,000 students with a budget of $25 million.

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SLOW DOWN, MORELLI! WHAT'S THE RUSH?
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WHAT'S THE APPOINTMENT FOR?
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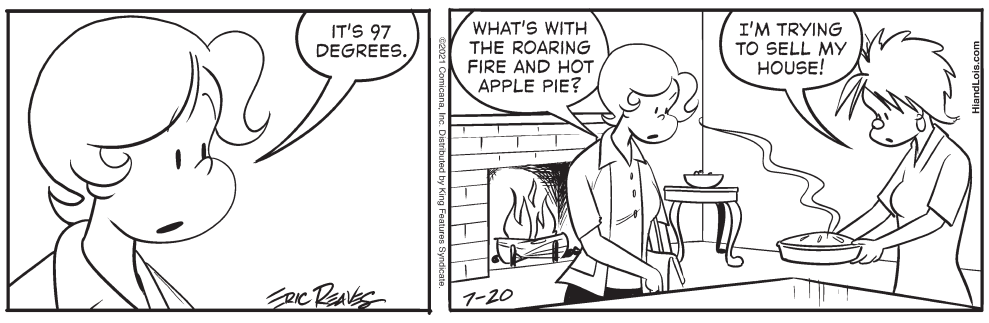
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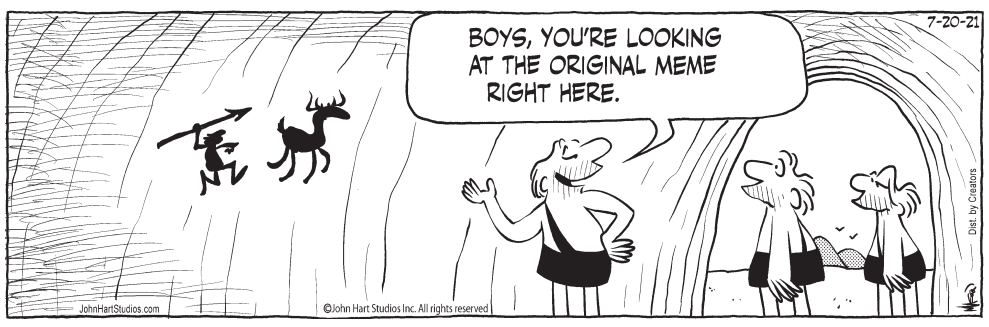
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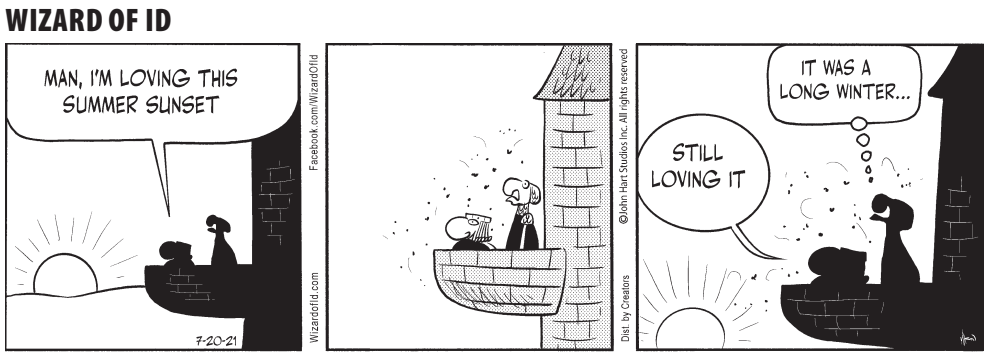

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WALLY, I NEED YOUR BUDGET REQUIREMENTS FOR NEXT YEAR.
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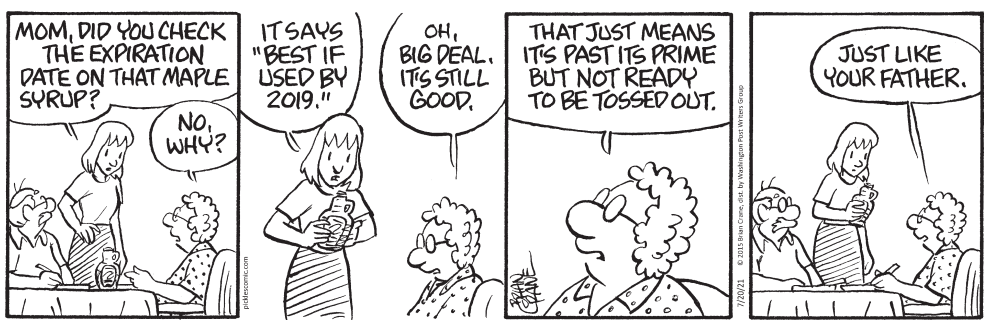
MOM, DID YOU CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON THAT MAPLE SYRUP?
NO, WHY?
IT SAYS "BEST IF USED BY 2019."
OH, BIG DEAL. IT'S STILL GOOD.
THAT JUST MEANS IT'S PAST ITS PRIME BUT NOT READY TO BE TOSSED OUT.
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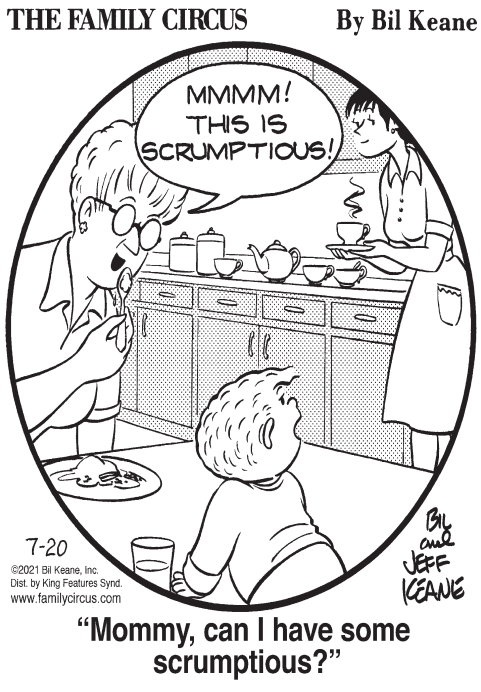

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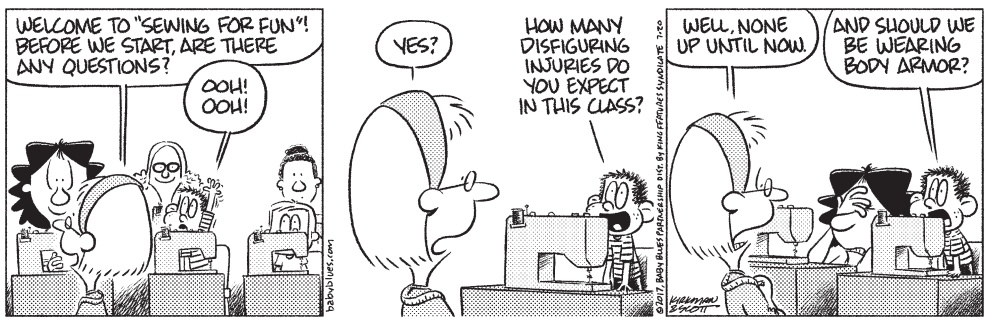
WELCOME TO "SEWING FOR FUN"! BEFORE WE START, ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?
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YES?
HOW MANY DISFIGURING INJURIES DO YOU EXPECT IN THIS CLASS?
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WELL, NONE UP UNTIL NOW.
AND SHOULD WE BE WEARING BODY ARMOR?
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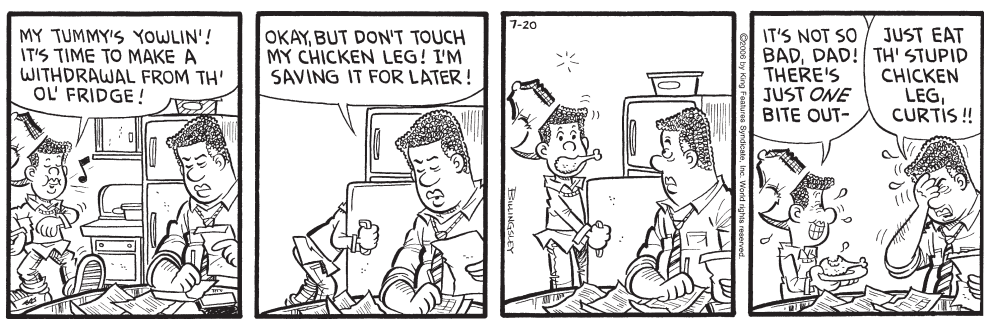
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OKAY, BUT DON'T TOUCH MY CHICKEN LEG! I'M SAVING IT FOR LATER!
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IT'S NOT SO BAD, DAD! THERE'S JUST ONE BITE OUT-
JUST EAT TH' STUPID CHICKEN LEG, CURTIS!!
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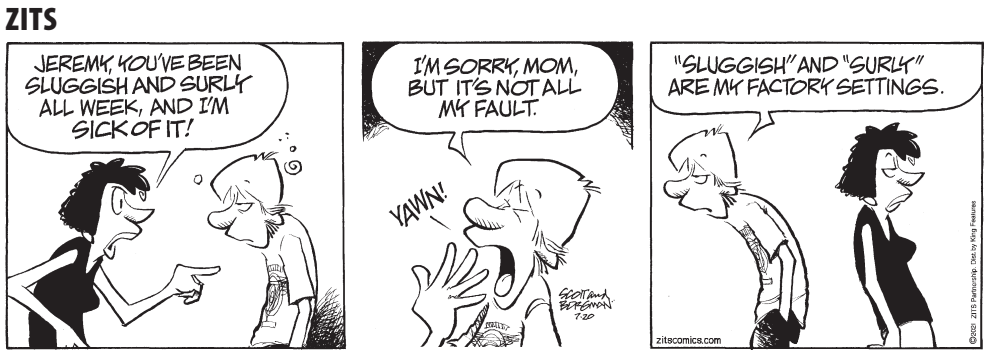
JEREMY, YOU'VE BEEN SLUGGISH AND SURLY ALL WEEK, AND I'M SICK OF IT!
I'M SORRY, MOM, BUT IT'S NOT ALL MY FAULT.
YAWN!
"SLUGGISH" AND "SURLY" ARE MY FACTORY SETTINGS.
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Slowing down

Dear Annie: I retired 11 years ago, but I could have been the obsessed woman addicted to her iPhone before I retired.

But in the previous decade, as I lay in my hospital room, recovering from serious stress-induced internal surgery, I kept addressing the "pings" on my phone.

My oldest daughter, a special needs faculty member at a local junior high school, took the phone from my hand and said, "Stop."

At first, I was frustrated. I felt cut off from my busy executive life as a local elected official. Eventually, I adjusted.

Following six months of difficult recovery, where I only worked part time, I announced my retirement. My daughter was shocked, my husband elated.

I still check my phone, and I still stay in volunteer roles, but life is different for me, and I am a happy 76-year-old grandmother, much less stressed.

A person may listen, but they need to make the decision themselves. Nagging doesn't work. — Just Grandma in Washington

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Grandma: I love the idea of slowing down and putting away the iPhone. While technology is amazing, like any good thing, it needs to have its limitations and a time and place.

Dear Readers: In the spirit of slowing down and smelling the roses, I'm going to treat you with my favorite excerpt from "Walden":

"We must learn to reawaken and keep ourselves awake, not by mechanical aids, but by an infinite expectation of the dawn, which does not forsake us in our soundest sleep. I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life by a conscious endeavor. It is something to be able to paint a particular picture, or to carve a statue, and so to make a few objects beautiful; but it is far more glorious to carve and paint the very atmosphere and medium through which we look, which morally we can do. To affect the quality of the day, that is the highest of arts."

Dear Annie: I've got to be the luckiest guy ever. I married a great girl, who is the mother of our four children. I got fixed to not have more children and was married to the hottest sexiest woman ever! Now I'm in my 80s. I'm married to the 80-year-old who I'll go to the nursing home with, who I am confident will be with me all the way. She has four children, 13 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren (soon to be nine). IT'S ALL THE SAME GREAT WOMAN!!! We got married in 1960. — The Luckiest Guy in the World.

Dear Lucky: I love your letter so much. Congratulations on finding true love. Your gratitude comes through in spades.

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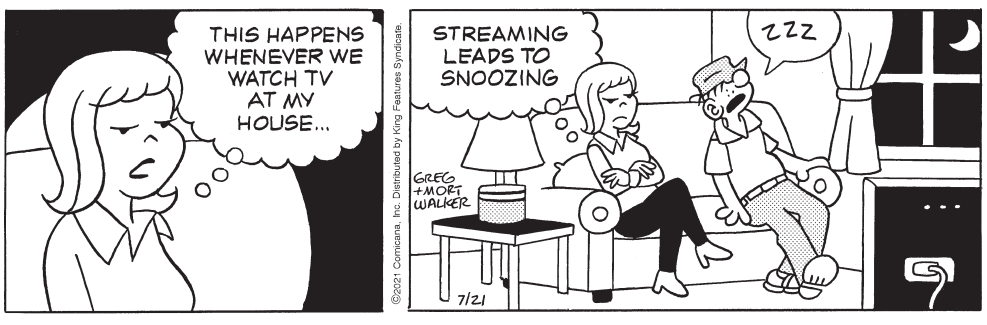
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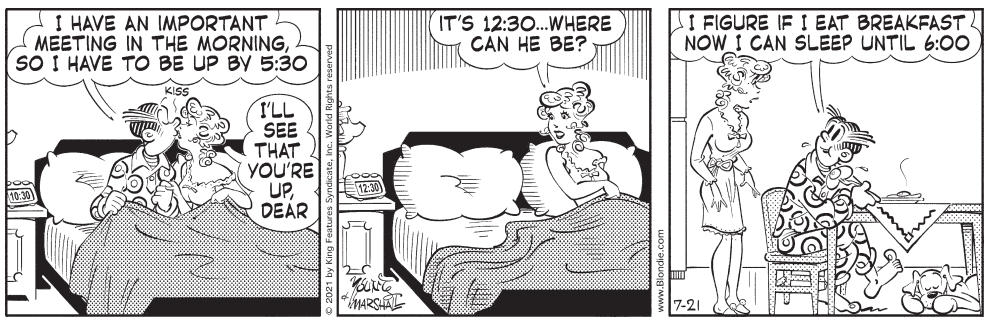
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KISS
I'LL SEE THAT YOU'RE UP, DEAR
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IT'S 12:30...WHERE CAN HE BE?
12:30
I FIGURE IF I EAT BREAKFAST NOW I CAN SLEEP UNTIL 6:00
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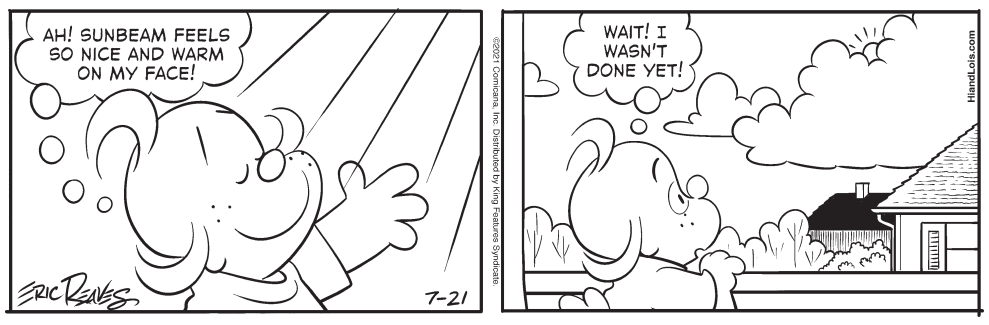

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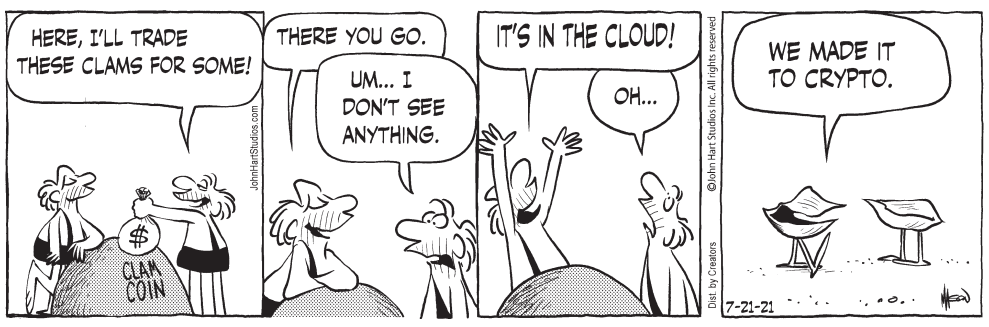

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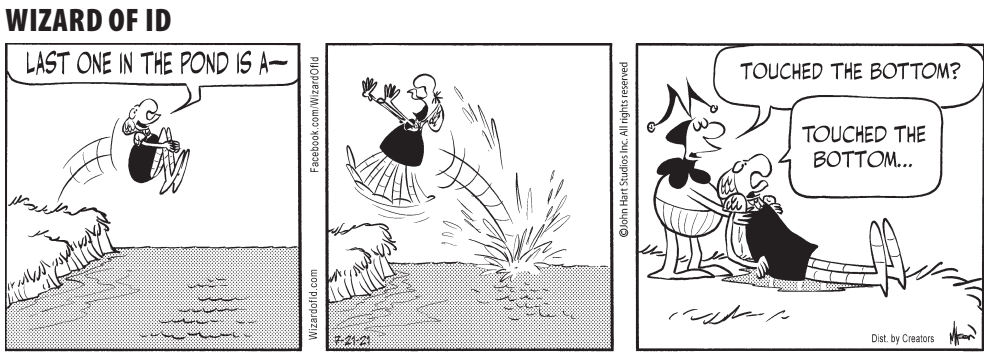

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BEFORE WE GET INTO ALL OF THAT, WHAT ARE YOUR PRONOUNS?
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SOMEONE BEAT US TO IT.

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"DEAR ASK A DOG, WHY DO DOGS ALWAYS SEEM TO BARK AT 3 A.M.?"
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YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP! YIP!
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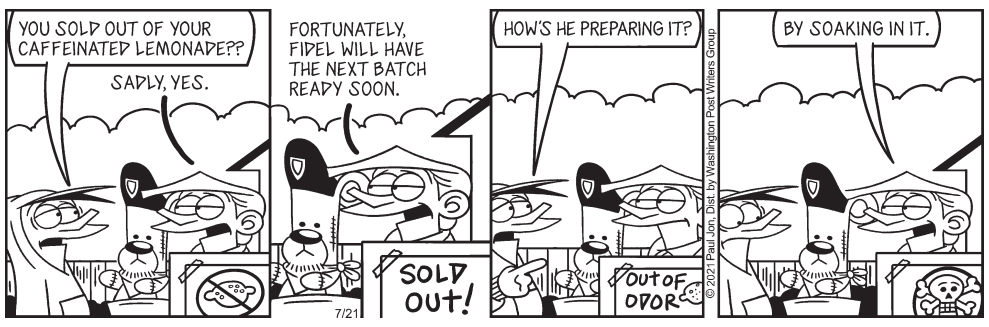
YOU SOLD OUT OF YOUR CAFFEINATED LEMONADE??
SADLY, YES.
FORTUNATELY, FIDEL WILL HAVE THE NEXT BATCH READY SOON.
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SOLD OUT!
HOW'S HE PREPARING IT?
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BY SOAKING IN IT.

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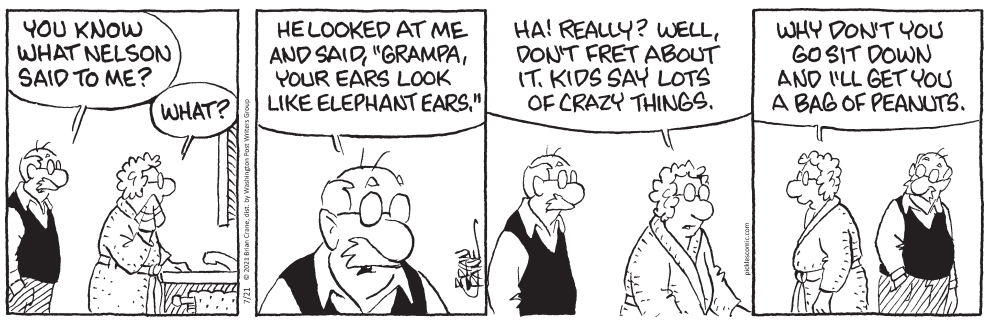
YOU KNOW WHAT NELSON SAID TO ME?
WHAT?
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HE LOOKED AT ME AND SAID, "GRAMPA, YOUR EARS LOOK LIKE ELEPHANT EARS."
HA! REALLY? WELL, DON'T FRET ABOUT IT. KIDS SAY LOTS OF CRAZY THINGS.
WHY DON'T YOU GO SIT DOWN AND I'LL GET YOU A BAG OF PEANUTS.
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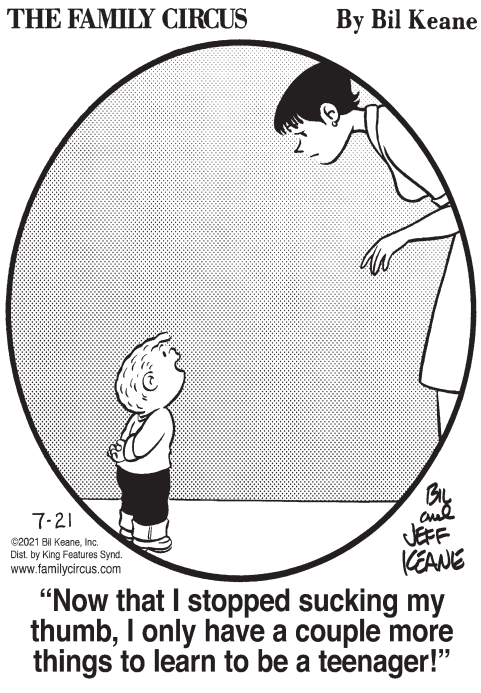
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BIL and JEFF KEANE
"Now that I stopped sucking my thumb, I only have a couple more things to learn to be a teenager!"

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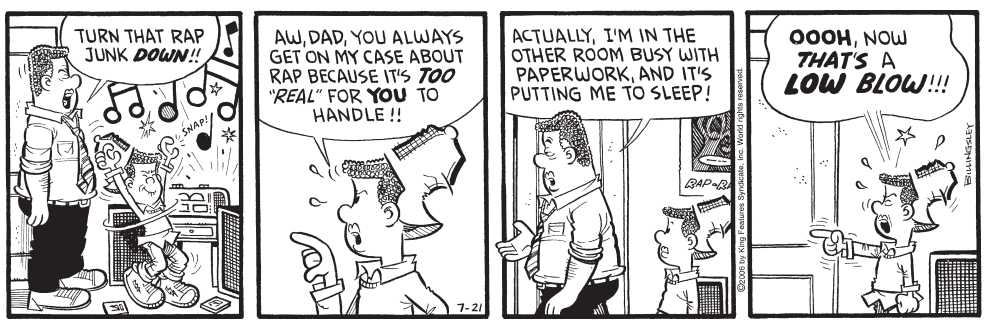
TURN THAT RAP JUNK DOWN!!
SNAP!
AW, DAD, YOU ALWAYS GET ON MY CASE ABOUT RAP BECAUSE IT'S TOO "REAL" FOR YOU TO HANDLE!!
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ACTUALLY, I'M IN THE OTHER ROOM BUSY WITH PAPERWORK, AND IT'S PUTTING ME TO SLEEP!
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OOOH, NOW THAT'S A LOW BLOW!!!
BILL HINSLEY

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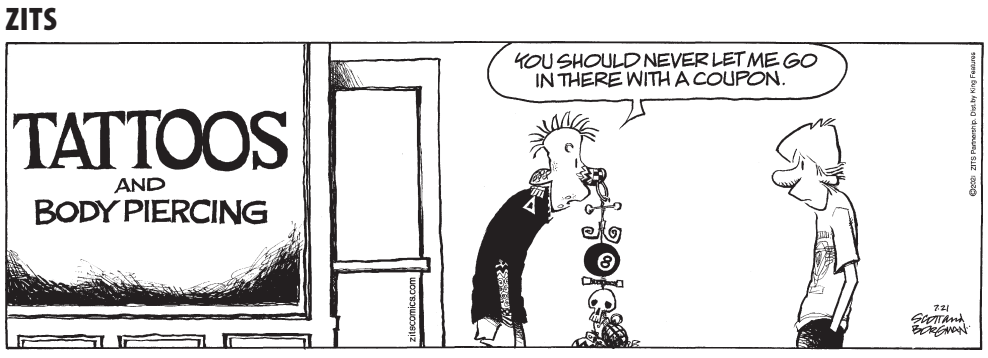
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YOU SHOULD NEVER LET ME GO IN THERE WITH A COUPON.
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Friends have bad table manners

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: I recently dined out with three friends. The restaurant was very busy, and we waited for nearly two hours for our food. We were drinking and enjoying a band, so it wasn't that bad.

I went to the restroom and was literally gone for three minutes. When I came back, the food had been served except for mine. My place-setting was empty. My three friends were chowing down and told me the server couldn't remember what I ordered. And I was like: "What does that mean? Does that mean my dinner order was not placed? What is the server doing about it?" And they shrugged. I looked around for the server and didn't see anybody.

The restaurant was extremely crowded and busy, and there were no servers in sight. I didn't know how long it would be until I would see wait staff and was annoyed and a little panicked that I might have to wait two hours for dinner all over again.

I got up and walked around the restaurant until I found someone to help. Turns out that my food was waiting for me in the kitchen all along, and it was brought to me. I was annoyed that my friends made no attempt to solve the issue in my absence but happily ate their own dinners.

One of them could have texted me or come to the restroom to say that food was being served. I definitely would have done this for any of them. All they did was eat their meals, which is bad table manners anyway, and let me fend for myself.

I was visibly annoyed for several minutes after, but I got over it and didn't allow the incident to ruin the night. I think one of my friends is now mad at me because I was upset about the situation. And now that makes me mad all over again because this is a friend of mine who, in the past, has actually put our wine glasses side by side to make sure I didn't have more than she did.

So, how does she deny me the right to have been angry that I had bad service? I feel they should have tried to help while the server was available. Again, I was gone for all of three minutes. I think I made her feel guilty for not helping, and that's why's she's mad. Thoughts? — Hungry in NJ

Dear Hungry in NJ: No one is perfect. You get annoyed with your friend about her pettiness with the wine glass, and she gets annoyed with you about being annoyed that your food might not have been ordered. It sounds like your friends were thinking more about themselves than about you. That can happen, and in the end, it is your choice to either accept their faults and try to focus on the good of your friends, or to relive your anger at one dinner. You would be a lot happier if you let it go.

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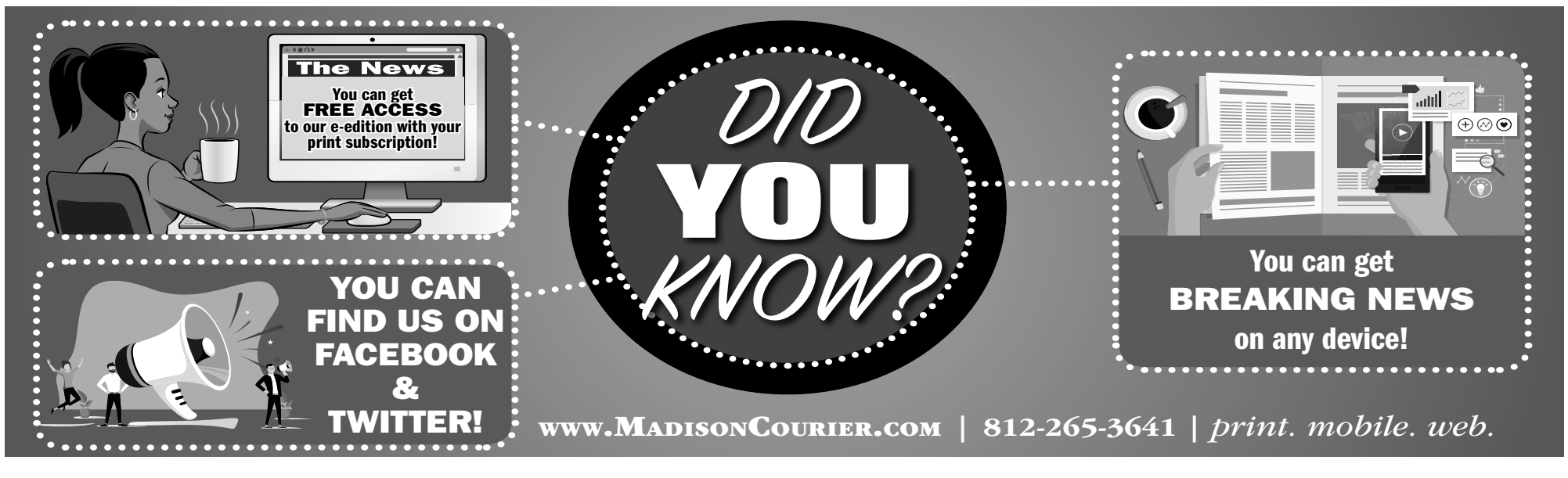
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Tots & Tykes Contest

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Bexley Adams of Madison, daughter of Amber and Tyler Adams, was the Reserve Grand Champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months girls category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Brenleigh Boram of Madison, daughter of Tiehya and William Boram, was the Grand Champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months girls category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Emmitt Hartwell of Madison, son of Cherokee and Stephen Hartwell, was the Reserve Grand Champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months boys category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Silas Melton of Hanover, son of Andrea McDole and Andrew Melton, was the Grand Champion of the 14 months, one day, to 24 months boys category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Della Rose Boldery of Hanover, daughter of Allison and Lee Boldery, was the Grand Champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 years girls category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

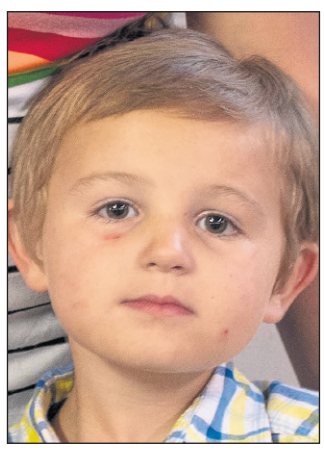
McKaylee Gunter of Dupont, daughter of Michelle and Mark Gunter, was the Reserve Grand Champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 years girls category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Silas Brown of Lexington, son of Stacey and Mariah Brown, was the Reserve Grand Champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 years boys category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Jamison Briner of Hanover, son of Alysha Handlon and Caleb Briner, was the Grand Champion of the 24 months, one day, to 3 years boys category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Torii Law of Madison, daughter of Heather and David Law, was the Reserve Grand Champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day, girls category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Ellie Ehlers of Hanover, daughter of Katie and Justin Ehlers, was the Grand Champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day, girls category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.



Elijah Clackum of Madison, son of Leanne Beavers and Clint Clackum, was the Grand Champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day, boys category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

Brantley Levi Riley of Madison, son of Ashley and Brandon Riley, was the Reserve Grand Champion of the 3 years, one day, to 4 years, one day, boys category in the Tots & Tykes Contest at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair.

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The Reserve Grand Champion Steer at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was sold by Bryton Wehner to Craig Toyota for $4,400. Pictured (from left) are Greg Sanders and Joe Craig of Craig Toyota, Eden Wehner and Bryton Wehner.

Bob Demaree

The Grand Champion Barrow at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was sold by Jackson Stockdale to Teton Corporation and Auxier Gas for $3,900. Pictured (from left) are Jefferson County 4-H Fair Queen Bailie Prescher, Jackson Stockdale, Tim Breeding of Teton Corporation, Pat Auxier of Auxier Gas and Isabella Marcum of the Queen's Court.

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The Reserve Grand Champion Barrow at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was sold by Colton Chandler to L&N Machine for $1,900. Pictured (from left) are Jefferson County 4-H Fair Queen Ballie Prescher, Colton Chandler, and Greg Leach and Jared Napier of L&N Machine. In front holding the sign is Hunter Deuser.

FAIR

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to help send youth to 4-H camp.

Combining the livestock, the goat cheese basket and bench, the total raised at the auction was $282,926. In addition, 35 of the animals purchased were donated to the House of Hope Food Pantry to provide meat to food insecure families in Jefferson County including one beef, 22 swine and 12 sheep.

Jonny Anderson raised the Grand Champion Steer that sold for $7,100 to a consortium of Southeastern Indiana REMC, Friendship State Bank and Majesty Express. Bryton Wehner raised the Reserve Grand Champion Steer that sold to Craig Toyota for $4,400.

Jackson Stockdale's Grand Champion Swine sold to Teton Corporation and Auxier Gas for $3,900. Colton Chandler's Reserve Grand Champion Swine was purchased by L&N Machine for $1,900.

Lillian Cox had the Grand Champion Lamb that sold to Farmers Bank of Milton for $5,000 and Michael Briggs had the Reserve Grand Champion Lamb that was purchased by Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre for $2,900.

Klara Leach's Reserve Grand Champion Meat Goat was purchased by the Leach Family for $2,000 and Michael Briggs raised the Grand Champion Dairy Goat, which was not included in the livestock auction.

Jake Coles had the Grand Champion Dairy that sold for $2,600 to Gateway Investment and Jenner, Pattison & Sharpe Attorneys. Jakob Bachman's Grand Champion Rabbit was purchased by German American Bank for $2,200. Rylee Hardymon's Grand Champion Poultry was bought by Caldwell Banker Harrell & Associates and Layman Hummel Insurance for $2,200.

Of the 142 animals in the livestock auction, 19 were beef, 80 were swine, 39 were sheep, and four were from specialty categories.

On Saturday, 4-H awards were also presented with Jonny Anderson receiving the Pam Hubbard Mental Attitude Award. McKenzy Gray was presented the Round Robin Showmanship Award. Luke Coles and Morgan Hill received the Outstanding 4-H Exhibitor Award. And Town and Country was named the Outstanding 4-H Club, recognized for community service and involvement.

Bob Demaree

The Reserve Grand Champion Lamb at the Jefferson County 4-H Fair was sold by Michael Briggs to Morgan and Nay Funeral Centre for $2,900. Pictured (from left) are Allie Briggs, Donovan Smith of Morgan and Nay, Michael Briggs, and Gage Hartman of Morgan and Nay.

SOUP

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The Chamber is now accepting food booth applications — open to both businesses and non-profit organizations — for the festival. All booths must hold a temporary food vendor operating license or exempt organization food operating license at the time of the event and food booths may enter their soup, stew, chili, and/or brew in the festival's cooking competition.

For additional information on this year's Soup Stew Chili & Brew festival, sponsorship, or registration, contact the Madison Area Chamber of Commerce at 812-265-3135 or info@madisonindiana.com.

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Demand Command goes 1-1 on weekend

Forner's team now 9-9

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

The Demand Command, a 16 and under baseball team that involves several local players, finished the weekend with a win and a loss in the 16-U Cross States Tournament held in Jefferson County.

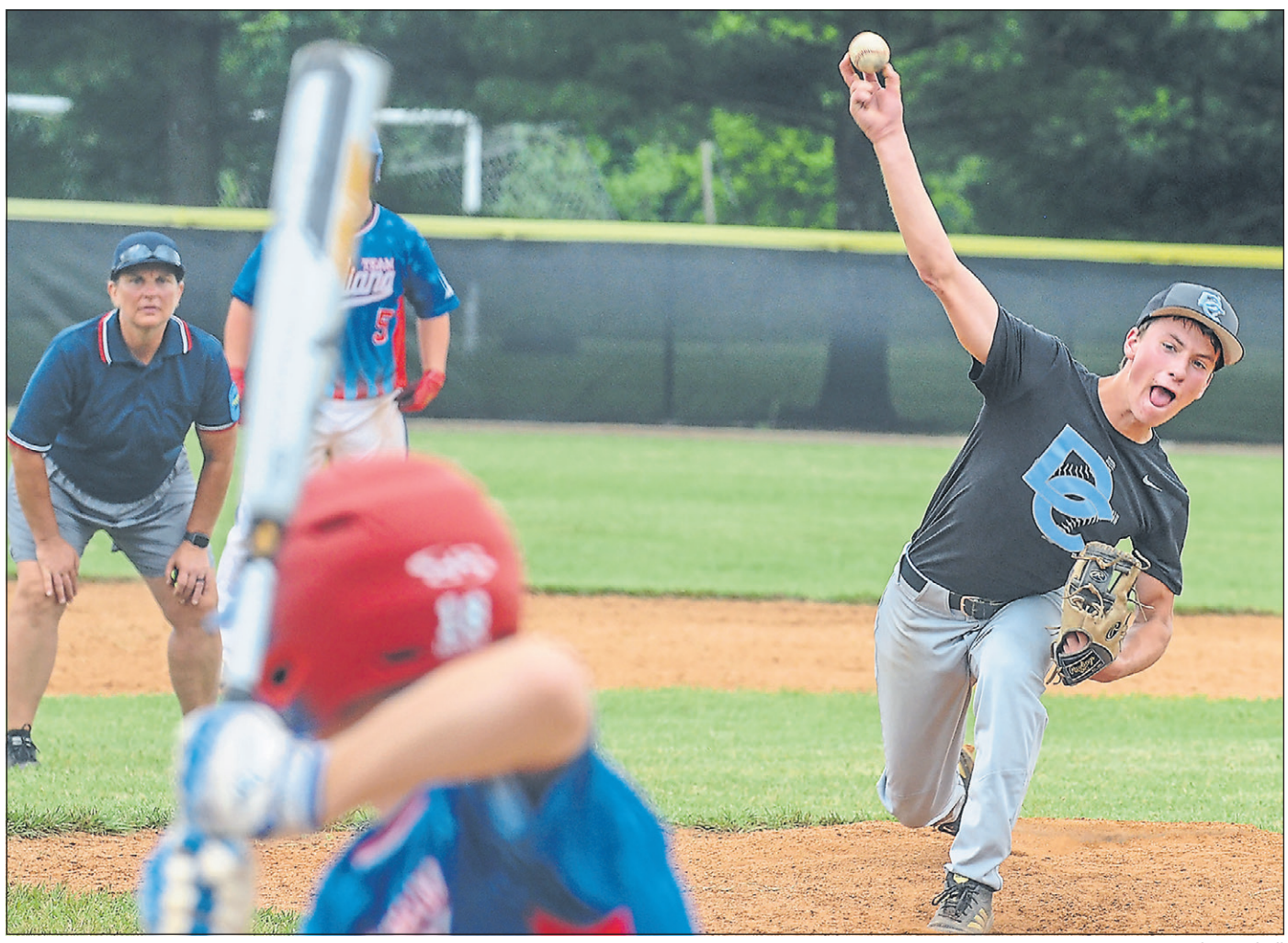
The team, which is based out of Columbus but coached by Matt Forner of Madison and features four local players, run-ruled Team Indiana Baseball Club 13-2 in four innings on Friday before losing 8-5 to the J Cards 16-U on Sunday. Heavy rain on Friday night washed out Saturday's schedule of games.

In the win over Team Indiana, Southwestern's Jordan DeAtley went 2-for-2 with a double, two RBIs and two runs scored while Madison's Craig Demaree and Drew Forner each had a hit, drove in a run and scored a run. Scottsburg's Jacob Martin went 2-for-2 with a double and three RBIs and picked up the win on the mound with both Demaree and DeAtley pitching in relief.

DeAtley again had a big game on the plate on Sunday, going 3-for-4 with home run and two runs scored but also took the loss on the mound after allowing six runs — three earned — on four hits in two innings of relief with four strikeouts.

Madison's Zander Vonch had two hits — including a double — while Forner had a hit and an RBI. Forner was the starting pitcher and gave up two earned runs on five hits over five innings.

Demand Command is now 9-9 on the season.



David Campbell

Madison's Craig Demaree pitches during a game for Demand Command during the 16-U tournament at Shawe on Friday.

NCAA no longer relevant moving forward

It's taken way too long but, finally, Mark Emmert is speaking the truth. He's seen the future, and it doesn't include him or his colleagues at the NCAA.

TIM **DAHLBERG**

Actually, Emmert isn't quite going that far. He still wants the NCAA to exist, if only to regulate small sports and continue to ride the gravy train that is the NCAA basketball tournament.

"You can lean back and do nothing and then just wait and see what happens," Emmert told a group of reporters this week. "Or you can say, 'Look, we're in it. This is a new era.' We need to take advantage of it, pivot as much as we can ... and embrace that change rather than fighting it."

That by itself is a remarkable statement for the man who, at least for now, is still tasked with ensuring the NCAA remains relevant in an era where many of the things it does are no longer necessary. It's not quite a concession, but a reflection of the reality that college athletes being allowed to have a few dollars in their pockets has changed everything.

It wasn't that long ago that Emmert was squarely in the other camp, arguing that the very future of college sports was at stake should rules against accepting money be wiped off the books.

Now he believes conferences and individual schools should point the way toward finding the path forward. Assuming, of course, they don't interfere with the basketball tournament that brings in hundreds of millions a year to NCAA coffers.

"I think this is a really, really propitious moment to sit back and look at a lot of the core assumptions and say, 'You know, if we were going to build college sports again, and in 2020 instead of 1920, what would that look like?' " Emmert said.

The truth is, it's way past time to upend the archaic structure that served those running college sports well, if not the athletes themselves. Emmert and his ilk have known for more than a decade now that this day was coming, but that didn't stop them from fighting it every step of the way.

I was in the courtroom in Oakland, California, in 2014 when the trial that eventually upended college sports as we know them unfolded. Former UCLA basketball star Ed O'Bannon and others sued the NCAA to force it to recognize the rights of athletes to own their name, likeness and images, and the NCAA trotted out Emmert and others to take the witness stand to tell the judge what horrors would take place if she ruled in the favor of the plaintiffs.

Among those testifying was the commissioner of the Big Ten at the time, Jim Delany, who said the idea of paying players would ruin the college experience and destroy the business model of big-time college sports. Delany testified that if members of his league paid players they would be kicked out of the conference, and that it could bring about the end of the Rose Bowl as it was then structured.

That, of course, was nonsense then and it's nonsense now. There's way too much money involved in college football and basketball for any school to opt out of games to preserve the misguided notion of amateurism that has been the standard in major college sports for more than a half century.

Now the questions must be asked: What purpose does the NCAA even serve anymore? Why shouldn't it simply be disbanded?

The answer to the first question is easy enough. Outside of running March Madness, the NCAA oversees championships in a variety of sports, providing a framework for crowning national champions in sports like golf, lacrosse, baseball, softball and golf and tennis.

But those championships could easily be coordinated through the conferences. It's already happened in football, where the NCAA was cut out of the championship postseason by the power conferences who decided to do things on their own.

Until now, the NCAA has also functioned as a policing network to make sure athletes didn't get fancy cars or enough money to take their dates out to a movie and dinner. But with the Supreme Court paving the way for athletes to accept money there's no way — or need — to police sports programs anymore.

It used to be rich boosters would provide the star quarterback a $75,000 SUV to tool around town. Now players will be able to use earnings from endorsements or TikTok videos to buy their own vehicles, eliminating the middleman.

College athletics are changing and changing fast. They no longer need an organization whose main purpose for so many years was to play defense against those changes.

It's time to face reality. The NCAA is no longer relevant going forward.

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Top pick Davis inks deal with Pirates

BY WILL GRAVES
ASSOCIATED PRESS

PITTSBURGH — Henry Davis loved his time at Louisville. It's what helped make the hard-hitting catcher the first overall pick in the amateur draft.

Still, he was eager to move on. So rather than mess around negotiating with the Pittsburgh Pirates, Davis practically sprinted to the bargaining table to get something done, signing with Pittsburgh on Sunday just a week after baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred called his name.

"Getting signed right away, it's important to me," Davis said at PNC Park. "I want to get playing. There's no time to waste really. Making the most of it, getting right to work, I'm pretty happy about how it went."

Davis agreed to a signing bonus of $6.5 million, nearly $2 million below the slot value of $8.4 million. The deal frees Pittsburgh up to spend money on some of its other 20 picks as the team stockpiles talent as part of a top-to-bottom reset under general manager Ben Cherington.

Henry Davis

After meeting with Davis before the draft, Cherington felt optimistic the 21-year-old would do what he could to speed up negotiations.

"As Henry said, we're excited but probably not surprised that we could get in here and get it done this quickly," Cherington said. "We know Henry wants to get out and get after it."

Davis had a quick tour of Pittsburgh on Saturday, including a stop at the Roberto Clemente Museum a short distance from PNC Park. He stuck around for the team's comeback 9-7 win over the New York Mets.

Davis, who hit 15 home runs in 50 games for the Cardinals in 2021, is impressed with one of the most well-liked parks in the majors. Yet it's the consistent message he received from Cherington, manager Derek Shelton and other staff that sold him on the idea of landing in Pittsburgh.

"The ballpark was great but everybody here had the same attitude, working towards winning," Davis said. "Talking with them, that's what really made me want to be a Pirate."

It will take time, however, before Davis gets an opportunity to head to PNC Park for work on a regular basis. He will report to the franchise's training headquarters in Bradenton, Florida, where he will play in the Florida Complex League.

Cherington did not rule out the possibility of Davis getting promoted to a higher classification by the end of the summer.

"We're interested in challenging players and we want players that can be challenged," Cherington said. "If we feel like there's an opportunity to challenge a player, including Henry and anyone else, we'll look for that opportunity. We want guys to be not overwhelmed but challenged and there's certainly playing time this summer and the rest of the season to see how it goes."

Davis wasn't bashful when asked if he set any specific goals.

"One ... is just to be the best leader I can be and help my teammates any way I can once I get down to Bradenton," Davis said. "Help guys get better. When we work together, it's best for everybody."

Davis' journey is just beginning.

Resilient Suns?

Down 3-2 in Finals, it's time to find out tonight

BY DAVID BRANDT
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PHOENIX — The Phoenix Suns like to believe they're a resilient bunch.

Now is one of their few chances this season to prove it.

The Suns will be facing an elimination game for the first time in this postseason when they travel to Milwaukee for Game 6 of the NBA Finals tonight. Phoenix won the first two games of the series before the Bucks rallied to win the next three, including Saturday night's thrilling 123-119 victory in Game 5.

It's the first time since January that the Suns have lost three straight games.

Down 3-2 in the NBA Finals is never an ideal situation, especially with the Suns facing Game 6 on the road. But Phoenix center Deandre Ayton said there's nothing left to do but embrace the current scenario.

"Tables are turned now," Ayton said. "Now we're the desperate team. We had our chances of being up and trying to finish the job, now we're in the same position that they were in. They're up and now we got to go get it. That's why it's a little bit more fun."

The Suns missed a great opportunity to take control of the series in Game 5. They jumped out a 37-21 lead in the first quarter but fell apart on defense in the second and third, giving up 79 points over the two quarters.

The Suns nearly pulled off an improbable comeback after trailing by 10 in the final minutes, but Bucks point guard Jrue Holiday ripped the ball out of Booker's hands and threw a spectacular alley-oop to Giannis Antetokounmpo in the final seconds to secure Milwaukee's win.

It was a play that looked a lot like several for the Suns offense: Hand the ball to Booker and hope he does something awesome. There were a lot of times that he did and he finished with 40 points. The numbers say that the Suns had a very good offensive performance in Game 5: They shot 55% from the field, 68% on 3-pointers and 91% on free throws.

But Phoenix is at its best when its sharing the basketball on offense, whipping the ball around the perimeter in an effort to find the open man. Without many defensive stops, the offense was often stuck in halfcourt sets. Their 19 3-point attempts were far fewer than their usual 34 per game during the season.

Booker said he could feel the Suns' offense getting stagnant in the third.

"We were trading basket for basket for I think five minutes straight," Booker said. "But we're at our best when we get stops and get out in transition. I always say we hang our hat on the defensive end and that's where we have to be better."

The Suns have shown an ability to respond to less-than-ideal situations in the postseason. All-Star point guard Chris Paul injured his shoulder in the first round against the Lakers and wasn't very effective the next several games.

Paul also missed the first two games of the Western Conference finals against the LA Clippers because he was placed in the league's COVID-19 health and safety protocol. The Suns still won both games.

Now comes the biggest test yet. The Bucks' big three of Antetokounmpo, Holiday and Khris Middleton are playing some of their best basketball of the season and the Suns have to find a way to beat them twice.

First comes Game 6.

"One at a time," Booker said. "Our focus is Milwaukee right now. That is how have you to do these series, one game at a time and yeah, that's that."

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Aric Almirola, driver of the No. 10 Smithfield Ford, takes the checkered flag to win the NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on Sunday in Loudon, New Hampshire.

Under darkness, Almirola pulls off shocker at New Hampshire

BY DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. — Aric Almirola carried the weight of a winless season while chasing a playoff berth that seemed implausible for a driver buried deep in the standings on a Stewart-Haas Racing program that had yet to take a checkered flag.

His confidence sagged. The pressure tightened on the No. 10 team.

With darkness falling at New Hampshire, Almirola saw his season suddenly come into focus. Almirola sprung to life late Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway and pulled off the surprise victory, a vital boost for SHR, Ford and another shakeup of the NASCAR playoff picture.

"Coming into this race, we never gave anybody a reason to pick us," Almirola said. "It feels good to be the underdog and come out of nowhere and have the race car we did."

Almirola snapped a 98-race winless streak and added New Hampshire to a rain-shortened win at Daytona in 2014 and Talladega in 2018 for his third victory in 374 races.

And he's in the playoffs.

Almirola was the latest surprise winner and played havoc with the playoff picture with only four races left before the 16-driver field is set. Austin Dillon and Tyler Reddick are among the drivers who could use a win and clinch a berth.

The race was delayed nearly two hours by rain and NASCAR called it early due to darkness, leaving it eight laps shy of its scheduled conclusion.

New Hampshire was scheduled for 301 laps and 318.46 miles. Almirola took the checkered in 293 laps. He broke up the Team Penske party — Brad Keselowksi and Ryan Blaney had a fun back-and-forth for the lead at one point — and Christopher Bell could not catch him.

Bell won the Xfinty Series race Saturday and was second. Keselowski, Joey Logano and Blaney made it a 3-4-5 finish for Team Penske.

"I felt like I probably had a little bit better pace than him, able to get to him," Bell said. "Lapped cars were giving him a bad time. If I was able to get to him, it was going to be a heck of a race.

Almirola rested his head on the car in almost stunned disbelief that he clinched his playoff spot.

"There is no doubt we have struggled," Almirola said. "But guess what? We're going playoff racing."

Almirola, who entered 27th in the points standings, was the first driver out of the SHR pack that includes Kevin Harvick, Cole Custer and Chase Briscoe to take the checkered flag. Almirola had only two top 10s this season. Harvick was sixth and led a race-high 66 laps.

Ford drivers took five of the top six spots.

Almirola said there was "enough light" to keep racing to the scheduled finish.

NASCAR senior vice president of competition Scott Miller defended the decision to shorten the race.

"We just felt like it was getting too dark and needed to call it. It's just as simple as that," he said. "Completely based on raceability. "

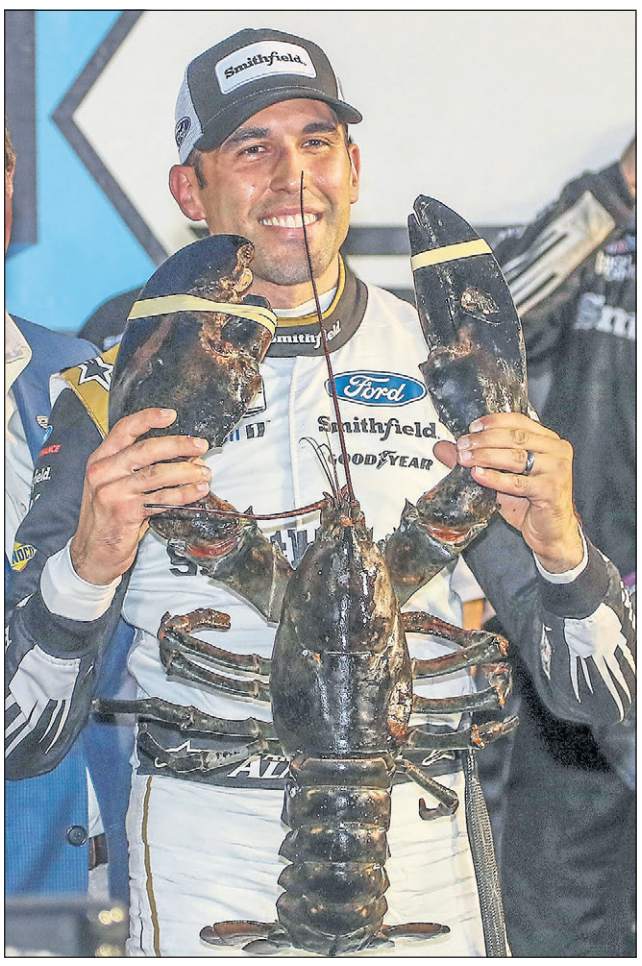
NASCAR started the race under wet conditions and that decision turned into a disaster when Kyle Busch, the polesitter, spun on the slick track and wrecked only six laps into the race. Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Denny Hamlin also spun and the red flag was waved to stop the race. Truex and Hamlin returned to race. Busch's race in the No. 18 Toyota was over and he bit his tongue on NASCAR's call to start the race.

"It never should have gone green to begin with, but then it kept getting worse and worse lap over lap," Busch said. "We've been talking about it for two laps that it was raining. There's no sense in saying what I want to say, it doesn't do you any good."

Hamlin said, "this is just a bad look."

NASCAR executive vice president Steve O'Donnell said on NBC Sports races have started in the mist but the track "got slick in a hurry."

Busch pulled down the window net in his Toyota and appeared to bump the pace car in frustration on his way to pit road. Miller said NASCAR would address Busch's actions this week.



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Aric Almirola celebrates with a giant lobster after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 on Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway.

Keselowski ready for role as owner, driver

BY DAN GELSTON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LOUDON, N.H. — Admitting it was "hard to walk away" from a NASCAR career almost all spent driving for Roger Penske, Brad Keselowski is bullish on a fresh start in 2022 — as a driver and an owner.

Keselowski is set to race for Roush Fenway Racing in 2022 and the team scheduled "a major announcement" Tuesday at the NASCAR Hall of Fame to make the signing official. About 75 miles away from Fenway Park, Keselowski said Sunday at New Hampshire Motor Speedway the time was right to break from Team Penske after nearly 12 years in the No. 2 car, 34 Cup victories and the 2012 championship.

"Certainly everybody has aspirations that where they go to work, things will work out where you could stay forever and continue to grow," Keselowski said. "Life has other plans. There's no bitterness about that."

One sticking point with Penske was Keselowski's desire to hold an ownership stake in a Cup team. Keselowski fielded his eponymous team in the NASCAR Truck Series for a decade and the desire to have a piece of a team in the elite Cup Series never went away. He'll get that chance at RFR.

"I just really enjoy the idea of ownership and management and seeing people grow," he said. "The idea of building teams and seeing people grow and be successful together, I take a lot out of that."

Keselowski had a prolonged contract negotiation a year ago that netted him only a one-year extension and salary cut. Penske said last week he would have extended Keselowski's contract for two to three years had ownership not been part of the negotiations. Keselowski has one win this season, 35 in his career and joins a once-proud team that hasn't won a Cup race since 2017.

Keselowski wants to right the ship on a foundering team long past its championship heyday.

"I think right now there's a lot of demand out there for proven drivers that can win races and that demand remains," Keselowski said.

Penske said last week the move was simply "a business decision." The 37-year-old Keselowski insisted there were no hard feelings.

"He's been really good to me over the years," Keselowski said. "Sad to leave that situation. Excited about the path forward."

His departure led to a shakeup at Penske that will see 2020 Xfinity Series champion Austin Cindric, the 22-year-old son of Team Penske president Tim Cindric, slide into the No. 2 Ford in 2022.

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Penske Racing driver Brad Keselowski will take on the role of owner and driver next year at Roush Fenway Racing.

Made-for-TV

Tony Stewart was like everyone else in U.S. motorsports this week, frequently checking social media to see Paul Tracy's latest theatrics in a one-sided war against NASCAR golden girl Hailie Deegan.

Tracy has been furious — or could he just be playing the heel in a made-for-TV racing league? — because 19-year-old Deegan had the audacity to spin him at Slinger Speedway in Wisconsin last week in the fifth round of the Superstar Racing Experience. The NBC Sports IndyCar analyst and former bad boy driver has milked the feud ever since, using Instagram as his preferred platform.

JENNA **FRYER**

"It's got me watching, looking every time he's posted something new," said Stewart, who along with fellow NASCAR Hall of Famer Ray Evernham is credited with creating SRX.

The six-race series of somewhat randomly collected drivers from various forms of motorsports has entertained America by racing at grassroots short tracks across the country in a two-hour Saturday night show on CBS. The network had nothing to lose since hardly anyone is watching TV on a summer weekend night.

But people watched. A lot of people, actually, with more than a million tuning in to watch this hodge-podge group of former greats, up-and-comers and local ringers. Up next is a star-studded Saturday night finale at the old Nashville Fairgrounds Speedway in Tennessee, where reigning NASCAR champion Chase Elliott will race against his Hall of Fame father, Bill.

Chase beat his dad in their only other matchup, a 2013 late model race in Alabama. Odds are he will get the best of the 65-year-old again even though his father is an SRX regular. Bill Elliott has been racing with an injured hand since a crash three races ago but it is a rare chance to see father and son NASCAR champions race one another.

Back for her third race is Deegan, a regular in NASCAR's Truck Series who joined SRX for two races as a fill-in when former Indianapolis 500 winner Tony Kanaan raced in Brazil.

With over 1 million Instagram followers, Deegan is probably the most popular among the general public of all the drivers in the field so SRX gave her another spot for the finale, even though Kanaan is also racing. Tracy's antics haven't hurt the buzz, either.

"I don't know Paul well enough to know whether everything he's posting is the gospel of what he's feeling or if he's just playing a role," Stewart said. "He's added a lot of excitement and carried the torch for everybody in that category. In the big picture, I think he's great for SRX."

Tracy has certainly added the personality element he's long believed has vanished since his generation of renegade open-wheel racers retired. The 52-year-old Canadian understands what gets the public's attention and he has gladly done his part.

"Fans are tired of boring drivers who have nothing interesting to say," Tracy said. "They want rivalries and drama and colorful characters. That's what helps motorsports gain attention."

The SRX villain has also been an aggressive driver and Evernham's crew — assembled to rebuild these single-purpose cars — has been busy. Evernham said Tracy also gave all 50 crew members $50 gift cards for a night out.

"Paul is different things to different people, and I don't have him totally figured out," Evernham said. "But you need a guy like that and he was one of the first guys to jump in and support us. I told everybody who has come into this series 'Bring your personality, I am not going to censor you.' "

The co-creators call SRX "motorsports entertainment" and that could fall anywhere on the scale from an unsanctioned race to a carnival with cars. Who knows what the rules are, and who would even enforce them? There is a championship point fund with a payout, and drivers are paid a flat per-race fee, but if the racing is fake they are doing a masterful job of actually caring about the results.

Helio Castroneves, not two months removed from his record-tying fourth Indianapolis 500 victory, angrily jawed with Scott Speed after a race, maybe it's because there is money on the line.

Evernham and Stewart both claimed not to actually know how much money will be doled out to "full season" drivers; Evernham wasn't sure if the $500,000 to the champion rumor was true or if that sum is split between the top three in the standings. SRX has a deal through next season with CBS and Evernham wants the series to eventually pay $1 million to the champion.

Stewart is the championship leader and it would be an upset if he didn't win the title. The cars and the tracks suit him and the 50-year-old three-time NASCAR champion is the most adaptable driver in the field.

Castroneves was fighting for runner-up in the standings, but last week's surprise win by Marco Andretti shuffled the order and gave Andretti a massive morale boost. Andretti gave up full-time IndyCar racing this year, saying it was not fun anymore and with no wins since 2011.

Now he races what he wants and Andretti rarely has appeared as carefree as he is at SRX. He's also going to run IMSA sports cars soon and is open to a NASCAR Xfinity Series opportunity, so SRX might have been the jumpstart Andretti needed for his career.

The series was designed to be a little bit of everything — SRX has made adjustments based on fan feedback since its debut race — and its David vs. Goliath angle has been rewarded three times.

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Ready or not: Short-handed U.S. basketball roster off to Tokyo

BY TIM REYNOLDS
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The U.S. Olympic men's basketball team has been together for two weeks. There have been six practices. The team played four exhibitions. A pair of roster changes have already been required and the Americans have no idea when three other players will join the team.

That's probably not the formula for Olympic success, but ready or not, Tokyo awaits.

"It's a little bit different," U.S. coach Gregg Popovich said.

No, it's a lot different. Unprecedented, really, just like almost everything else about these Tokyo Olympics that start on Friday. The U.S. — the three-time defending men's basketball gold medalists — was to leave Las Vegas on Monday for the trip to Japan, where it'll commence final preparations for the start of the Tokyo Games.

The plan is to have four more practices in Japan before opening Olympic play against France on July 25. The Americans have 12 names on the roster; only nine will be with the team for the trip to Japan because the other three — Khris Middleton, Jrue Holiday and Devin Booker — are still playing in the NBA Finals.

"I think all of us are better for the adversity we go through, because you either handle it or you don't," Popovich said. "You figure it out. And these guys have had to do that. They've kept their heads up. There might be a disappointment here or there, or an event that takes place, but they move on. And that's what life's all about. So, this is no different."

The adversity has come in bunches for the Americans. During their two-week stay in Las Vegas:

• Bradley Beal was forced to leave the team for virus-related reasons and Kevin Love backed out because of an injury.

• Jerami Grant was briefly in the health and safety protocols related to the virus and missed a few days.

• Keldon Johnson was promoted from the Select Team (the players brought to Las Vegas so they could practice against the Olympians) to replace Beal, and JaVale McGee was added to the roster to replace Love. McGee was with the team for Sunday's exhibition finale against Spain but did not play, meaning his first action with this team will be during actual Olympic competition.

•- Oh, and the Americans lost to Nigeria and Australia, had to cancel the rematch against the Australians, and for a brief while had only six of the 12 Olympic team members available in camp.

"We're still won't have those other three, but at this point that's not going to change," Popovich said. "We just have to persevere and find ways to keep them in shape even though we're not going to be able to execute too much very well. So, we're going to have to figure out common denominators for this exact group. Less is more, so to speak. Inventing the wheel would be the worst thing we can do for this group."

Middleton, Holiday and Booker will play Tuesday night in Game 6 of the NBA Finals. If Milwaukee wins that game — the Bucks, with Middleton and Holiday, lead Booker and the Phoenix Suns 3-2 in that series — they would win the NBA title. That would also mean the trio could be in Japan by the weekend, giving time to join the Americans for at least one practice in advance of the game against France.

If Phoenix forces Game 7, it would be Thursday night, the day before the opening ceremony in Tokyo, three days before the U.S.-France game. A grueling playoff run is daunting enough on players; a grueling playoff run followed by a flight halfway around the world is not the recipe for fresh legs, so it's anyone's guess how effective Middleton, Holiday and Booker will be when they get to Japan.

Popovich doesn't know what to expect.

"I have no idea. You know, I'm not trying to be glib. I'm just totally transparent," Popovich said. "We've thought about, 'Are they going to have jet lag? Is it going to be like two days later after they land and they'll be OK?' ... In some ways, it might depend on if everybody else is healthy. If they're not, they've got to play. So, we've gone over lots of scenarios. We haven't figured it out yet, that's for sure."

And that's a rarity, Popovich being at a loss for answers.

"He takes it very seriously," said Johnson, who also plays for Popovich with the Spurs.

The five-time NBA champion as San Antonio's coach has matched wits with 11 different members of the Basketball Hall of Fame in his career. The Spurs have won 60% of those games, a fancy way of saying that the best minds to ever coach the game lose three of every five times they face Popovich. He has a history of having the answers.

But as he heads to Tokyo, for an Olympics amid a pandemic, without fans and without one-quarter of his roster, even he's still scratching his head. Plus, the U.S. opener in Tokyo is no cakewalk — France is the team that ousted the U.S. from medal contention at the 2019 Basketball World Cup in China, the tournament that was Popovich's debut as the head coach of the American program.

And Popovich, who typically doesn't reveal anything by accident, said Sunday night that the Americans have been preparing for France "for two years," a clear nod to what happened in China.

"We still have a long way to go," Popovich said. "And we've got another week before we play, so, although that's not a long time ... I think it's wonderful because we need that time. So, hopefully we'll continue to improve during the week, and be ready to play a very good French team."

Pacers hire 4 assistants

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers hired Lloyd Pierce, Ronald Nored, Mike Weinar and Jenny Boucek as assistant coaches for new head coach Rick Carlisle on Friday.

Pierce was head coach of the Atlanta Hawks for the past two and a half seasons before he was fired in March. He is an assistant coach for the U.S. men's team heading to Japan for the Olympics next week.

Nored, a former star at Butler in Indianapolis, spent the past three seasons as an assistant coach for the Charlotte Hornets.

Both Weiner and Boucek worked under Carlisle in Dallas. Weiner spent 13 seasons with the Mavericks, including four as an assistant, and Boucek was an assistant the past three. Boucek also was a player development coach with the Sacramento Kings, becoming just the third woman to coach in the NBA.

Carlisle was hired last month to replace Nate Bjorkgren. Carlisle is 836-689 overall, including an earlier stint with Indiana. He went 555-478 with the Mavericks and led Dallas to its only NBA championship in 2010-11. The Mavs have not won a playoff series since and Carlisle's departure was part of a front-office shakeup in Dallas.

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	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	America's Got Talent (N)				College Bowl (N)		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	NCIS "Sunburn"		Love Island (N)		FBI-Wanted		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	America's Got Talent (N)				College Bowl (N)		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	The Flash		Superman-Lois		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	Kimmel	NBA	2021 NBA Finals: Suns at Bucks				
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Kimmel	NBA	2021 NBA Finals: Suns at Bucks				
15 WKPC	13		Collect	News	PBS NewsHour		Their Words		Latino Exper		Frontline (N)		World
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	LEGO Masters		Mental Samurai		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	NCIS "Sunburn"		Love Island (N)		FBI-Wanted		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	The Flash		Superman-Lois		Theory	Creek	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	LEGO Masters		Mental Samurai		WDRB News		News
A&E	28	36	(5:30) ★★ "Now You See Me"				Americas-Dog		An An	An An	Storage	Storage	Storage
AMC	29	26	★★ "The Great Outdoors" (1988)				★★ "50 First Dates" (2004)				(:15) "Knight and Day"		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch "Of Ice and Men"				Jeff Bezos in		Catch
DISN	25	29	Raven	Raven	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Sydney	Sydney	Big City	Big City	Gabby
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N)			SportsCenter	ESPN Original Documentaries						SportC
FREE	18	40	★★ "Paul Blart: Mall Cop" (2009)			★ "The Waterboy" (1998)					Motherland		700
FX	40	28	★★ "Hotel Transylvania 2" (2015)				"Hotel Transylvania 3: Vacation"				"Hotel Transylvania 3"		
HBO	201	17	"Judas & Black"		100-Foot Wave		★★ "Greenland" (2020)				The White Lotus		Betty
MAX	270	73	(:14) ★ "Lucky Numbers" (2000)				★★★ "Gangs of New York" (2002)						"15 17"
PARMT	35	41	Two	Two	★★★ "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (1989)						★★ "The Da Vinci Code"		
SHOW	221	16	"True History of the Kelly Gang"				"Embattled" (2020) Stephen Dorff.				The Chi		Black
TMC	233	74	★ "Biker Boyz" (2003)				★★ "The Longest Yard" (2005)				★★ "Death at a Funeral"		
TNT	27	43	(5:45) ★★ "Non-Stop" (2014)				★★ "The Accountant" (2016) Ben Affleck.					★★ "The Mule"	
USA	26	33	(5:45) ★ "Grown Ups 2" (2013)				WWE NXT (N) (Live)				(:08) ★ "Grown Ups"		
WGN-A	20	20	NewsNation:		Donlon Report		On Balance		NewsNation		Banfield (N)		Donlon

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3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	Olympic Dreams		Chicago Fire		Chicago P.D.		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Theory	Big Brother (N)		(:01) Love Island		S.W.A.T.		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	Holly	Extra	Olympic Dreams		Chicago Fire		Chicago P.D.		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	Kung Fu		In the Dark (N)		News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	Press Your Luck		$100,000 Pyr		Match Game (N)		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Press Your Luck		$100,000 Pyr		Match Game (N)		News
15 WKPC	13		Con	News	PBS NewsHour		Nature		NOVA		Secrets of Dead		World
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	MasterChef (N)		Crime-Kitchen		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Big Brother (N)		(:01) Love Island		S.W.A.T.		News
34 WBKI	7	7	Last	Last	Mod	Theory	Kung Fu		In the Dark (N)		Theory	Creek	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	MasterChef (N)		Crime-Kitchen		WDRB News		News
A&E	28	36	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Seat	Seat	Hustle
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★ "Knight and Day" (2010)				★★★ "O Brother, Where Art Thou?" (2000)				★★★ "Fury"		
COM	45	59	South Park		South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South	South
DISC	31	38	Expedition Un.		Expedition Un.		Expedition Un.		Hunting Atlantis		(:13) Expedition Unknown		
DISN	25	29	Raven	Raven	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Big City	Big City	Gabby
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter		MLB Baseball Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals.						Sports
FREE	18	40	(4:30) ★★★ "Cast Away"			★★ "Sweet Home Alabama" (2002)					Good Trouble		700
FX	40	28	(4:30) "Split"		★★ "Glass" (2019, Suspense) Bruce Willis.						★★ "Glass" (2019)		
HBO	201	17	"Let	Catch	The White Lotus		"Oslo" (2021) Ruth Wilson.				100-Foot Wave		Catch
MAX	270	73	"Beast	(:20) ★★ "Warm Bodies"			★★ "The Good Liar" (2019)				(9:50) ★★ "Hostage"		
PARMT	35	41	Two	Two	★★ "The Da Vinci Code" (2006) Tom Hanks.						"Day-Tomorrow"		
SHOW	221	16	(5:45) ★★★ "Erin Brockovich"			★★★ "Silver Linings Playbook"					The	The	"Body
TMC	233	74	"Burden" (2018) Garrett Hedlund.			★★ "Hart's War" (2002)					"Born-4th July"		
TNT	27	43	(5:15) ★★ "The Accountant"				All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N)				Titans		"Taken
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		Law-
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"HNNUORC TNJ GXYYORBPP OP X PAJB MXD VN PXIRBPP, O VGORU. DNA GXSB VN VXUB BXZG WNWBRV XP OV ZNWBP." — EBRBIOZV ZAWEBJEXVZG

Previous Solution: "When I'm stirring a saucepan, I don't say to myself, 'Now the chancellor is stirring a saucepan.'" — Angela Merkel

TODAY'S CLUE: H = L

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"CBHJ KJVXFGTZ TVDRTJ ZRBK DRID CBH'JT XIZDC, AJIXFC IXS ZTXVGT, BJ DRID CBH'JT IGKICZ ZOVGVXL." — AIJGBZ ZIXDIXI

Previous Solution: "Looking for happiness is a sure way to sadness, I think. You have to take each moment as it comes." — Benedict Cumberbatch

TODAY'S CLUE: G = L

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

1				5	4	3		
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		6	3		2			
4	7	2					9	3
3	1		2	4	9		6	7
9	6					5	2	4
			7		8	6		
	9		6	3		7		2
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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

6	9	3	2	1	8	7	5	4
1	5	8	7	9	4	2	6	3
7	4	2	5	3	6	9	1	8
3	7	6	1	8	5	4	9	2
5	1	4	9	7	2	8	3	6
8	2	9	4	6	3	5	7	1
4	8	1	6	5	7	3	2	9
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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	2	9	8	5	4	3	7	6
5	4	3	9	6	7	2	1	8
7	8	6	3	1	2	4	5	9
4	7	2	5	8	6	1	9	3
3	1	5	2	4	9	8	6	7
9	6	8	1	7	3	5	2	4
2	5	4	7	9	8	6	3	1
8	9	1	6	3	5	7	4	2
6	3	7	4	2	1	9	8	5

ACROSS
1 Light tan
5 Not secret
10 Racetrack
14 Bank transaction
15 Accept, as a check
16 Costa —
17 Fishhook part
18 Religious worker
20 Elite squad (hyph.)
22 Actor's prompt
23 Strong winds
24 "Walk Away —"
26 Quick lunch
27 Some beehives
30 Unexpected hit
34 Most peculiar
35 Lumber
36 Type of mail drop
37 Hotel staffer
38 Derrick or crane
40 Played a trumpet
41 I, to Nero
42 Insult wittily
43 Rang
45 Holds on to
47 "La Mer" composer
48 Auto-sticker info
49 Hawk's lair
50 Touch base (2 wds.)
53 — — few rounds
54 Bounce
58 Tumult (hyph.)
61 OPEC rep, maybe
62 McClurg of sitcoms
63 Shorten, maybe
64 Puppy plaints
65 After-dinner candy
66 Marina sights
67 Leak slowly

DOWN
1 Place of exile
2 Winter wear
3 Uncommon
4 Removed impediments
5 Resistance unit
6 Choir members
7 Come later
8 Ascended
9 Prefix for dent
10 Highly decorated
11 Small container
12 North-40 unit
13 Produces an egg
19 Looked at impertinently
21 Pills and such
25 Zilch
26 Desk item
27 Four-bagger
28 Saying
29 — box
30 Help letters
31 Loses interest
32 Fencing swords
33 Boisterous
35 Store-bought hair
39 Switch positions
40 Noisy birds (2 wds.)
42 Full of energy
44 NYC theater award
46 Magic charm
47 Merchant
49 Ventricle neighbor
50 Those folks
51 Car import
52 Broad smile
53 Big swig
55 Old barge canal
56 Superman wear
57 Recipe meas.
59 Undergrad degs.
60 Mo. multiples

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

R	A	S	P	■	J	A	P	A	N	■	T	U	N	A
U	C	L	A	■	E	G	Y	P	T	■	W	H	I	P
E	M	I	R	■	W	O	R	T	H	■	E	O	N	S
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S	H	O	A	L	■	D	E	L	H	I	■	E	S	A
O	R	L	Y	■	J	O	L	L	Y	■	G	A	S	P
D	U	E	■	S	E	L	L	S	■	T	U	T	U	S
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E	L	I	A	■	M	A	O	R	I	■	V	E	R	A
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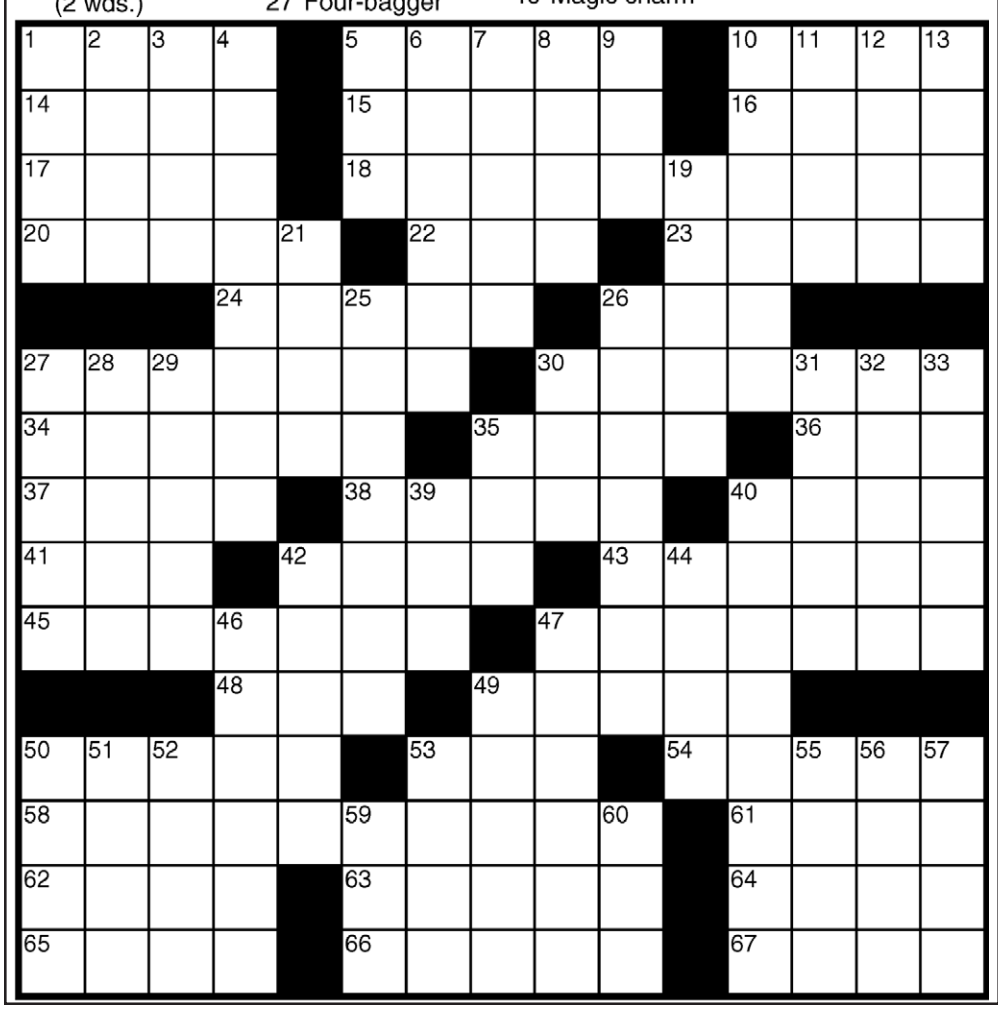

ACROSS
1 Get started
7 ER practice
10 Unit of length
14 Homily
15 Source of iron
16 Wry face
17 Gulch
18 Grassy expanse
19 Pocket bread
20 Troublemaker (hyph.)
23 Devoted
26 Yang complement
27 Put on guard
28 Eurasian range
29 Lauper's "— Bop"
30 Gives the go-ahead
31 Roadster
32 PCB regulator
33 Eliminate (2 wds.)
37 "— take forever"
38 Itch
39 Corroded, as acid
40 Rural addr.
41 Sink
43 Shriveled up
44 Martini base
45 Passe
46 Hamlet's oath
47 Tortilla snack
48 Sweet liqueur
51 — Claire, Wis.
52 Treasure hunter's aid
53 Unrepairable egghead
56 Pierre's girl
57 Be ill
58 Savory smells
62 Tumble about
63 Interest amt.
64 Most up-to-date
65 Very, for Pierre
66 Peter and Paul
67 Boggy

DOWN
1 That senora
2 Mal de —
3 Teeth-chattering sound
4 Not right or wrong
5 Fit for a queen
6 Door handle
7 Sheep herder
8 Primp
9 Parent
10 Whim
11 Discordant sounds
12 More fetching
13 Artichoke morsel
21 Unmechanized (2 wds.)
22 Deadeye Annie
23 Crystal-clear
24 Give an address
25 Grassy areas
29 Blow a paycheck
30 Outlandish
32 Hole for a shoelace
33 Curie discovery
34 Kidney or liver
35 City in New York
36 Choir member
42 Forces
46 Quake causes
47 Imported auto
48 Diagram
49 Hearsay
50 Work by Rousseau
51 Decree
52 Wheat stalk
54 Barks shrilly
55 Buddies
59 Dues payer, for short
60 Venomous serpent
61 Farm abode

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

E	C	R	U	■	O	V	E	R	T	■	O	V	A	L
L	O	A	N	■	H	O	N	O	R	■	R	I	C	A
B	A	R	B	■	M	I	S	S	I	O	N	A	R	Y
A	T	E	A	M	■	C	U	E	■	G	A	L	E	S
■	■	■	R	E	N	E	E	■	B	L	T	■	■	■
H	A	I	R	D	O	S	■	S	L	E	E	P	E	R
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Morikawa a double major winner looking for more

BY DOUG FERGUSON
AP GOLF WRITER

In a year of firsts in the majors, Collin Morikawa might have topped them all.

His performance over four days at the British Open was unlike anything seen at Royal St. George's, even in such ideal weather for the English coast.

In his first real test of links golf, Morikawa didn't make a bogey over his final 31 holes, blowing past mistake-prone Louis Oosthuizen and never flinching as Jordan Spieth made one last charge late Sunday afternoon.

Morikawa made three straight birdies at the turn to build a four-shot lead. He made a 20-foot birdie on the 14th when Spieth had closed to within one. He saved par with a 10-foot putt on the next hole for breathing room.

He played with the confidence of a major champion, which he is from his PGA Championship title last year. He showed the experience of a veteran. That part is up for debate.

"When you make history — and I'm 24 years old — it's hard to grasp," Morikawa said.

The silver claret jug in his possession as he stood on the 18th green, Morikawa first paid tribute to Matthias Schmid of Germany, who won the silver medal as low amateur.

"It feels like literally two years ago I was an amateur," Morikawa told him.

Two years ago, the ink was barely dry on his diploma from Cal. In the eight majors Morikawa has played since then, he has won two of them. The last player to win two professional majors in so few attempts was Bobby Jones nearly a century ago.

"It's so hard to look back at the two short years that I have been a pro and see what I've done because I want more," he said. "I enjoy these moments and I love it, and I want to teach myself to embrace it a little more."

The major season began with Hideki Matsuyama becoming the first Japanese player to win the Masters. Phil Mickelson became the first player at age 50 to win a major at the PGA Championship. No one had ever birdied the last two holes at the U.S. Open to win by one shot until Jon Rahm at Torrey Pines.

And then along came Morikawa, as pure an iron player as there is in the game today, making his own brand of history. He is the first to win two majors that he played for the first time.

Just under a year ago in his first time playing the only major restricted to pros, he won the PGA Championship at Harding Park by boldly hitting driver on the 16th hole for a 7-foot eagle. And then he won the British Open in his debut with a 4-under 66 to finish at 265, the second-lowest score in the history of golf's oldest major.

"He's got the potential and the game, and the head, to be able to manage any kind of bumps in the road," Spieth said.

Oosthuizen provided plenty of them to Morikawa, notably the par-5 seventh hole, the easiest of the final round. With an iron from the fairway for his second shot, Oosthuizen went bunker-to-bunker and made bogey, going from a tie for the lead to two shots behind when Morikawa made birdie.

Morikawa birdied the next two holes and he was on his way.

Morikawa moved to No. 3 in the world. In his 52 individual event worldwide since he turned pro, his five victories include two majors and a World Golf Championship. He is leading the points list on the PGA Tour and European Tour.

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